



After helping you plan your wedding with the best planners in the city, Gargi Bansod & Rhea Dhanbhora focus on the most important aspect for any bride — her trousseau

>> Falguni & Shane Peacock: Their collection exudes a perfect blend of traditional outfits with a contemporary twist. **Where** Peacock Bride, Shop No 7, Valencia Building, Juhu Tara Road, Juhu



>> Sejal Kanoi: Her Cinderella meets her Prince Charming collection is trendy and perfect for a young bride. **Where** Available at AZA, Fuel and Amaara outlets



>> Delnaz Karbhary: Her forte being wedding wear, her collection is chic and flamboyant with bright hues, classics and experimented combinations. **Where** Andheri Universal Industrial Premises Co-operative Society, J.P.Road, Andheri (W)

The most important aspect for any bride is her wedding trousseau and it can be a challenge to narrow down on any one outfit. Fortunately, Indian weddings call for week-long celebrations, which lets you flaunt many gorgeous garments each day. We bring you some of our favourite designers and tell you what to keep in mind when you go to pick out your wedding dress.

**CHOOSING YOUR DRESS**

Designers Dilnaz Karbhary and Gautam Gupta, who specialise in bridal wear, tell you how to go about picking the right dress for your wedding.

**Overall style:** Before narrowing down on a dress, you must have your wedding venue fixed. Dilnaz Karbhary says, "Will it be a splendid royal wedding, a summer beach-resort wedding, a winter wedding or an old palace wedding? It's an important factor to keep in mind and important information to be given to your designer, as it will help him/her to put a look

together keeping the backdrop of your wedding in mind."

**Colour:** It depends on the style of your wedding, your favourite colour or the one that makes your skin look gorgeous. Designer Gautam Gupta, who is well known for his contemporary designs, suggests fuchsia pink, tomato red or emerald green with off white. However, these days colours such as wine, sea green, grey, neon green, yellow and light purple are also in vogue.

**Body shape:** Know your body shape and pick the right dress accordingly. It is pertinent for every woman to wear what complements her shape and figure best.

**Jewellery essentials:** Make sure your jewellery matches the work and embroidery on your dress. It is important to remember that your entire look needs to gel together and the small details are what matter.

**FABRIC MANIA**

With so many varieties of fabric to choose from, how do you decide? Dilnaz Karbhary says, "This essentially depends on which part of the year and where you would be getting married. This pre-determines your choice of fabric. Your choice can vary from fine nets for a summer wedding combined with chiffon to georgette or even fine chanderi, if you want something more old world and traditional. If it is a winter wedding then go the whole hog — choose from plush velvet to rich brocade or heavy tussar and silk. They are all beautiful options and all of them lend themselves to exquisite embroideries which will give you that royal Indian princess look!"

**WHAT A BRIDE SHOULD AVOID**

Designer Gautam Gupta gives you a few quick tips on what a bride must definitely avoid:

- Never wear too many colours in one outfit.
- Do not follow trends blindly.
- Never go for bold makeup and too many accessories.
- Never wear an outfit without proper lining especially at the waist, as the work might harm your skin.
- Never go for too many embellishments on your bridal outfit.
- Never wear anything too tight or too dull.
- Never wear an outfit without proper finishing and fasteners (For example, hook eye is very important along with the chain in the lehenga as it is heavy and can get stuck or break).
- Never wear embellished footwear as it will get stuck with the hem of your lehenga and spoil the finishing.
- Never give your measurement hoping you will reduce before D-day, in fact give an extra margin of 1-2 inch.

**LATEST TREND**

Due to westernisation, every bride wants to look contemporary and flamboyant, so gown like lehengas are trendy says Gautam Gupta. He adds, "There has been a change in the trend itself. Brides prefer lighter lehengas which are easier to carry. Stoles are going out of fashion and stylish corset blouses with some embellishments are every bride's choice. Jackets with lehenga are also in fashion."

**« 5 WAYS TO ROCK: SKULL MOTIFS**

Priyanka Singh gives you a few tips on how to flaunt skull motifs the right way

**1. STOCKINGS**

Small skull prints on transparent black stockings can look very trendy if paired with the right clothes. Avoid black clothes and instead choose something with a little bit of colour; military green and navy blue work well. Also, if the weather permits, pair your skull motif stockings with flat boots.

**2. SCARF**

Scarves are one of the best ways to sport skull prints. You can wear them around your t-shirt or dress and tie them in various kinds of knots. You can tie them around your waist and wear it as a belt too.

**3. RINGS**

If you are that rough and tough girl who head bangs to death metal — this one is for you. There are varied designs of skull rings widely available in shops as well as the Colaba Causeway stalls.

**4. BAGS**

Skull prints look best on khaki or jute bags instead of leather ones. Tag one along for your relaxed brunches on the weekends to add an edge to a casual cotton dress or a pair of jeans and a top.

**5. SKULL KILL**

Skull kill means killing the look with an overdose of skull motifs. You wear a skull scarf on a skull t-shirt with a skull ring — it will lead to nothing else but a skull disaster. Preferably, make only a single skull item a part of your look. Don't go overboard.



>> Miley Cyrus rocks a skull motif jumpsuit

**« TOP 5: LYCHEE PRODUCTS**



**1. VEDIC LINE LYCHEE SHAKE CLEANSING MILK**  
This cleanser removes dirt and makeup from your skin without damaging it. It hydrates your skin, allows it to breathe and also leaves your it with a refreshing scent. **PRICE:** ₹200



**2. LOTUS HERBALS LYCHEE SQUASH LIP GLOSS**  
Lychees are a deep red with a hint of brown. This shade works well for Indian skin tones and so we recommend this product as your everyday gloss. This gloss moisturises your lips, keeps them protected from dirt and germs and gives them a luscious look, full of colour. **PRICE:** ₹245



**3. NIRWANA WELLNESS BODY BUTTER**  
This body butter fuses the essence of rose with lychee extracts giving it an interesting twist. This acts as a moisturiser which works well on very dry skin. It makes you smell wonderful and leaves you feeling fresh. **PRICE:** ₹300



**4. AVON VIOLET & LYCHEE BODY LOTION**  
This body lotion, fused with the scent of violets and lychee extracts, makes your skin smooth and leaves it feeling soft and supple. It also acts as a great moisturiser and cleanser. And for the price, it's a steal! **PRICE:** ₹135



**5. BODY SHOP LYCHEE BLOSSOM SHOWER GEL**  
This is a soap-free shower gel, filled with the goodness of lychee. The scent is relaxing and energising at the same time. It will relax and calm your muscles while refreshing your senses with its fruity scent. **PRICE:** ₹89

**« CELEB HIT OR MISS: GLYNDA ALVES TAKES A LOOK AT THE LADIES WHO SHONE AND THOSE WHO OBVIOUSLY DRESSED IN THE DARK**



**« SAGARIKA GHATGE**  
We're really over this whole one shoulder business, unless of course, you haven't managed to wax one arm. The speckles of shine on midnight blue are pretty but the material just looks too much like something from a school play for our liking.



**« NEHA DHUPIA**  
We're loving the longer hemline that manages to make Neha look sexy and elegant at the same time. The hair is a bit retro and the clutch and classic black shoes work well. We're not sure about the choker though. It adds an edge but kills the classiness a little.



**« MALLIKA SHERAWAT**  
Well you can't really blame her for looking like this as covering up doesn't fall under Mallika's area of expertise. Her clothes look like they've been bought off hawkers on the road and her shoes are just plain ugly. Chee! She can do better.



**« DEEPIKA PADUKONE**  
Yay! The second longer hemline! The dress is gorgeous but if it makes the slim Deepika look wider than she is, us mortals have no hope! We love the colour and print but wish she would have worn heels as the sandals seem to shorten her lovely, long legs.



**« TISCA CHOPRA**  
We feel a bit mixed about this look. It's classic and well put together, but the clothes look oversized for the petite Tisca. However, we love the pop of colour the cobalt blue clutch adds and her updo and makeup is pure sophistication.