

GET THE LOOK: ALEXIS BLEDEL

From *Stars Hollow's* resident bookworm to *Sin City* star, this pretty actress has ruled our fashion files since the early 2000s. Now that she's back on screen this month as Rory Gilmore, Rhea Dhanbhora & Pearl Mathias tell you how to take Alexis Bleedel's feminine, fashion-forward style from the red carpet to the streets of Mumbai

GOOD 'OL DAYS

Way back in 2005, *Gilmore Girls* had wrapped up its fifth season and Alexis was still Rory Gilmore to all of us. So, it's fitting that this particular look is a throwback to the times of knee-length circle skirts and ankle-strap heels. A low ponytail a-la her on-screen character and some black stockings and this is the perfect look for a retro party.

Get the look: Gold glitter shoes from New Look, ₹1,195; black sheer stockings from Intomodo, ₹640; black net shrug from Cottinfab, ₹380; tuck in a bodysuit from Bare Necessities for ₹2,189 and this pretty pink A-line skirt from Dorothy Perkins for ₹1,645.



OLD HOLLYWOOD

It's fitting to see Alexis in this oh-so-gorgeous green gown at the SAG Awards this year, just a few years after her (hush-hush) marriage to *Mad Men* co-star Vincent Kartheiser. It's almost like she's stepping into womanhood here as we've seen her transform from a pretty teen into one of the most stylish women on the red carpet. The dress falls well on her slender frame and the colour really lifts her skin tone. We're glad she's still got those pretty bangs too!



Get the look: Look elegant in this emerald green draped gown from Strand of Silk for ₹31,500 and pair it with this dazzling gold embellished clutch from Pratinava (price on request).



DISNEY PRINCESS

Albeit a contemporary one, all grown up! Alexis really comes into her own by the time she's at a red-carpet event for her 2013 film with Zach Levi, *Remember Sunday*. Shaking off her schoolgirl image as Rory Gilmore, she's still as pretty as a princess in one of the most tasteful cut-out dresses we've seen in a while. The classic black and white style is complemented by classic pumps and a little heavier makeup than we usually see on the fresh faced actress. But, combined with her trendy, short do and bold red lip, it works for us!



Get the look: Get this striking Elisa Sweetheart dress for ₹1,799. Pair it with racy black heels from INTOTO for ₹1,799 and accessorise with this shiny black clutch from Vintage Desi for ₹2,550.



SINFUL SATIN

Alexis looks every bit ravishing at the Los Angeles film *Sin City* in 2005. Dressed in a periwinkle satin ensemble, we love the subtle pop of colour that her yellow clutch offers as well as the elegant silver-strap heels. We can't help but dig the smoke eye effect she dons as her simplicity takes the red carpet by storm. Brilliant!



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Get the look: Keeping with Bleedel's choice of a soft palette, pick this sleeveless pink dress (or find the periwinkle shade that she's sporting) from Miss Chase for ₹1,359. Strap on a dainty pair of heels from Mochi for ₹1,790 and add a pop of colour with a leatherette envelope clutch from Limeroad.com for ₹350.



TEEN QUEEN

As an actress, Alexis has lived most of her life away from the limelight, so it's only fitting that her style has been just as subtle (gorgeous, but understated!). That's why this breakout look is a pleasant surprise, and a totally fitting one for her appearance at the Teen Choice Awards at the height of her career on the cult television show. The up-do suits her delicate features, while the bold shoes steal the show.



Get the look: Get this elegant lace scallop skater dress from Dorothy Perkins for ₹3,075, and these racy white and orange faux leather shoes from GoBuu for ₹910.



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FASHION FILES FROM THE GILMORE GIRLS REVIVAL

Have you finished binge-watching the *Gilmore Girls* revival? We love Bleedel's style, but her on-screen character is the epitome of fashion too. From the '90s to the early naughts, the women of *Stars Hollow* taught us a thing or two about fashion and they're back with more! Take a look at six things the latest season taught us.

Blue is still the coolest colour

Rory's favourite colour makes a comeback in her wardrobe this season. If you've already forgotten, it featured pretty prominently throughout the show and while it complements Alexis beautifully, it's also one of our favourites. And, Alexis loves it too — as you can see from what she wore on the red carpet to the *Sin City* film premiere in Los Angeles. Rory's power bag (mentioned by the show's stylist in interviews about the show as well) takes the colour from teenage fantasy to a working woman's dream wardrobe.



Credit: Netflix.com

Pink is still in, but it's more subtle

Coats and jackets stole the spotlight through all the seasons but none more iconic than the bold pop of colour Lorelai wore on the bench with Luke in season 5. Yes, that gorgeous coat, in that epic breakdown scene. It's back — but it's a lot more subtle this season, with a shade that's a little more updated for 2016.

Lapis stone cuffs are back too

No, really. Look closely at Lorelai and you'll notice a little extra jewellery on her in this season — including this often questionable, but almost always stylish piece.

Poika dots have grown up

Even if you've only seen the trailer, you've seen Lorelai at dinner with

her mother. And you will have definitely seen that gorgeous polka dotted blouse she is wearing. We're used to seeing them on Rory (that gorgeous dress at the dance!), but this gives us an excuse to break out our favourites as adults!

The belted dress is back Thank you, Rory Gilmore! The delicate, feminine sleeveless dress with a pretty floral pattern, cinched by a slim belt is one of our favourite looks on her — and there's no better way to rock it than she does on screen.

Emily Gilmore makes baseball shirts cool for seniors

It may be a sign that she's taking her husband's death a little harder than expected, but the casual style works for us! Go on; get your grandma an uber cool baseball shirt, it's totally trendy this season!

WINTER WEDDING WORRIES

When weddings and winter arrive at the same time, how do you stay stylish while dealing effectively with the slight dip in temperature? Pearl Mathias asks designers to give us some tips

Going by the old adage 'cold hands, warm heart', winter promises to bring out the inner fashionista in everyone. But, as much as we love our knits and pullovers, there's absolutely no way to pull them off at a wedding. Unless they're crafted with the finest wool and adorned with jewels, of course — but we wouldn't want to be caught dead (or in wedding pictures) wearing something like that! So, we asked designers across the city to help us with this winter wedding dilemma and they bring you a few styling tips to look glam without freezing on the inside.

TRADITIONAL TOUCH

Jacket-inspired cholis and skirt-inspired lehengas make dressing for a winter wedding effective while keeping you stylish and trendy. Designer Priya Kataaria Puri suggests wearing heirloom saris in silk, especially kanjeevaram saris. "If you don't feel like wearing a sari, create shararas out of kanjeevaram or handloom saris as these are warm fabrics," she says. She tells us that umbrella-cut lehengas, pleated lehengas, full-sleeved or cropped blouses are in style at the moment and Chinese collars, boat necks and high necks are also trending.

IT'S ALL ABOUT LAYERS

Designers Saaksha and Kinni tell us that the most exciting part of dressing for a winter wedding is the introduction of layering, which adds drama to any outfit. "By adding a fashion bib to an outfit, you're not only adding a layer of warmth to it, but also some dramatic embroidery," they explain. Designer Archana Kochhar tells us that layering is an advocated look for winter and you can bring the drama of layers into your Indian winter wedding dresses by layering jackets and capes on saris and lehengas for a more elegant look. Anshu Choudhury, stylist at CraftsVilla, is of the same opinion, telling us, "Layering is a trend that is here to stay. And, you can incorporate this into your wedding ensemble to make your look glamorous. Pair a long jacket over a lehenga-choli or drape an embroidered shawl over your sari." Layering gives you the coverage you need while adding a bit of oomph to your look.



CHOOSE THE RIGHT FABRIC

You wouldn't want to hide your beautiful attire under sweaters, right? Anshu tells us that it is important to choose a fabric that will keep you warm during long winter evenings at a destination wedding. We vouch for silk and velvet. Both these fabrics are rich and exquisite, perfect for weddings. Archana seconds this, and tells us, "Use warmer fabrics like velvet or layered outfits to keep yourself warm. Heavily embroidered long sleeves and high-neck blouses are in style."

"Gravitate towards richer fabrics such as raw silk for a luxe effect. They not only provide the glamour, but also offer some much needed warmth. Skip over unseasonably pretty pastels and deepen your colour palette to include blacks and deep reds," suggest Saaksha and Kinni.

FUSION FIX

Indo-fusion styles allow you to mix and match clothes and create a unique final look of your own. "Wear your floor-length anarkali as a gown or pair dhoti pants with long, tunic-like jackets. These are perfect for winter weddings," says Anshu. "Colours that will keep you warm this winter include shades of red, marsala, chocolate brown, shades of grey, dusty pink and malachite green," Archana adds.



COVER UP

We love them, but Anshu says that you should avoid wearing backless and sleeveless attire in colder climates this season. "Full-sleeved and 3/4th sleeved clothes are the best option for this time of the year. If you're wearing a sari, give it a stylish twist by wearing a full-sleeved shirt or a blouse with a high neckline," they say.

"Throw out the sleeveless blouses and opt for long-sleeved dresses and anarkalis to keep away the evening chill. The advantage is that you will have more space on the sleeves for embellishments," add Saaksha and Kinni.



ADD ONS

Even if you're draped in a floor-length dress or the most extravagant sari, it is imperative to have gorgeous high-heeled pumps, metallic wedges or bright-hued stilettos to get that impeccable party look. "But, remember that you have to walk, pose, dance and do a lot of footwork during a wedding," stylists at Bata tell us. Pick a trendy wallet in a bright hue or catchy design that complements your dress and gives you the perfect wedding look.