

FASHION: TRENDS THIS WEEK: REVIEWS

« CELEB HIT OR MISS: RHEA DHANBHORA TAKES A LOOK AT THE TRENDS SPOTTED ON ARTISTS AT THE ACADEMY AWARDS THIS YEAR



« **PATRICIA ARQUETTE**
One of the big winners of the night, and definitely the one with the most controversial speech, Patricia stayed less daring with her style. Her off-shoulder, draped look is pretty, but the boring black and white combination did nothing to hold our attention. Her hair and makeup were spot on though, which makes her a good example for how to dress safe without being too boring!

« **LADY GAGA**
This dress isn't a favourite, but if you just saw the performance, you'd be less appalled than if you saw Gaga on the red carpet. The singer won praise for her stellar vocal abilities, but the red kitchen-glove lookalikes she wore with two unflattering, white dresses didn't win us over. This dress fares better, but it still looks like a bundle of fabric that reminds us of shower curtains.



« **RITA ORA**
This is definitely a better way to do the high-low skirt style than most people do! Rita's strapless, princess-style gown looks a little bit like a tuft of cream at the base, but the stylish black top and slicked back hair combined with the statement necklace (our favourite piece on this outfit) make this look go from teenage Disney fan to bold fashionista in a jiffy. Her black gloves are unnecessary, but they work pretty well too!

« **ANNA KENDRICK**
Anna wore one of our favourite looks of the night, hands down. The gorgeous coral colour of this gown is offset by her well-styled, brunette locks and the dress itself embraces her silhouette like a dream. She's kept her makeup subtle so that your eyes are drawn to the pretty rocks on her ears. Our favourite part of this look though is the embellished ring neck, holding up the draped, almost Grecian front of her dress. Even the keyhole front cut-out screams elegance.



« **CHLOE MORETZ**
A star as young as Chloe should ideally wear something shorter and trendier. But, Chloe has managed to nail a youthful look and still keep it balanced with the eponymous elegance of Oscar fashion! We're going gaga over this easygoing, but still ethereal look. The floral print is well-spaced out, the pretty peach tone does wonders for her skin and the gold band across the strapless top finishes it off brilliantly. Her tousled hairstyle adds to the youthful appeal.

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« **BEYONCÉ KNOWLES**
Sheer black skirts were all the rage at the award show this year and Beyoncé showed everyone just how it was done in her Proenza Schouler dress. The plunging neckline and high waist band enhanced the stunning gown and her gilty caramel lips added to the glamour. However, we're not sure what we think about the Morticia Addams hairstyle she's rocking — we preferred the stylish crop!

« **GINA RODRIGUEZ**
Gina took us back to a more disco-friendly time with this gorgeous dress. The pure white shade was a refreshing change from all the darker colours seen on the carpet this year and her curly hair and fresh-faced makeup added to her stellar style. The dress could have done without the laced waist band but the teal zipper piping on the Christos Costarellios dress was gorgeous!



« **MEGHAN TRAINOR**
We're not usually fans of the mini-dress and sheer overlay look, but the *All About That Bass* singer showed us how it could kind of, sort of, work. We hate the strange flower motifs running down the sides of her arms and down the front, but the style itself worked well for the first-time nominee. The side-swept blonde locks and bold red lip work too, but the blush is a little too heavy-handed for the look here.

« **LADY GAGA**
We're so used to Lady Gaga shocking us (most dress memories, anyone?) that this was a pleasant change. The nominee, who recently sang with crooner Tony Bennett, made sure her latest tunes matched her outfit in this gorgeous, silver Brandon Maxwell dress. The plunging neckline is softened (a bit) by a glistening jewel and her hair and makeup is bang on. We love how the heavy silver eye shadow is offset by subtle pink lips.



« **PRIYANKA CHOPRA**
The black and sheer trend was a big feature even at the Grammy after-party, and another artist rocking it was our very own, Priyanka! The *Exotic* singer looked great — we love the styled, and messy hair-do and the matte mauve shade of lipstick she has on — but we're just not sure about that dress. It seems a little too short for the plastic-like style and the bell sleeves and aggressive horizontal lines don't help its case.

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« **KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN**
Kareena usually has a very stately manner about her, which is an important reason that this dress works — it could have looked stiff and severe, on her it just looks regal. The colour is beautiful and while it isn't one of our favourites, she has complemented it well by keeping her hair sleek and her accessories and makeup to a minimal level.



« **NITA AMBANI**
The subtle gold colour of Nita's ensemble is soft, gentle and pretty — and then her eyes lift up to that excessively dark lip and heavy makeup, which ruins it all instantly. The rest of the look is dull and unimpressive; a pretty, loose chignon and a lighter hand with the makeup could have made it look a little more red-carpet worthy. The earrings, too, add excessive bling to the already dazzling dupatta.



« **SANIA MIRZA**
Sania's been increasing the style quotient bit by bit in her looks to date, but this seems to take her a few steps back. The tightness inspired given does nothing to flatter her figure or skin tone and the mussed up hair only works to make the look seem more like she just rolled out of bed.



« **SONAKSHI SINHA**
We're not very fond of skirt capes, and this is why. Sonakshi's otherwise pretty look is ruined by a sudden flow that disrupts her smooth silhouette. We love the scrunched up hair and makeup though and we're really glad that she didn't ruin the soft pink dress with heavy necklaces or dangly earrings. The statement ring adds the perfect touch, all in all making up for that cape.



« **SONAM KAPOOR**
Sonam prides herself on being pretty fashion forward, but apart from the gorgeous colour and pretty print on the skirt, there's not much about this look that we're going to go gaga over. Her hair is flat and boring, her makeup is dull and dark and the jacket and embellished collar strike out too.

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« **ALIA BHATT**
Alia Bhatt has been sporting several pretty dresses off late and we're getting really fond of her style. The touselled hair and halter neckline is perfect for her youthful look and the minimal accessories (minus that gorgeous statement ring) make this look a winner. The skirt of the dress is a little bulky, but it works with her look.



« **DAISY SHAH**
We know that modern silhouettes and edgy styles are in, but this green given is anything but fashionable! The bulky shoulder stands out a little too much in contrast with the sleeveless side and the sheer paneling, cut-out neckline and pleats down the front make the entire look pretty garish. Even her hair is falling her here! We do like the pretty gold clutch and the gold hand frames that she's worn though.



« **PRIYANKA CHOPRA**
Priyanka is a fan of dangler drop earrings and with her hair style and makeup, we love how they look on her. We're not really sure about this given though. She looks great, but the side-styled zig ending at the thigh high slit seems unnecessary and her shoes are ran off the mill. However, she manages to pull off a red-carpet worthy appearance.



« **JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ**
Think of a big dollop of pink custard and you'll have this look down well enough. Statement rings seemed to be the accessory for the night and we like hers, but nothing else here works for us. She looks like she's been uncomfortably wrapped in stiff, pink fabric and what's worse is that she looks like she's holding a chick's penne!



« **KIARA ADVANI**
We normally don't like skirts with too many layers and too much work, but Kiara really stands out in this ethereal given. For once, the matchy-matchy clutch does not ruin the outfit and the bodice work, although a little much, looks great because of the soft, pastel shade of the dress and sheer panels on the top. We would have preferred if she had let her hair down or kept it in a loose chignon.

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« **AISHWARYA RAI**
No matter how questionable Aishwarya's style is — she always manages to pull off the entire look, as she's done here. We think a different dress would have worked better with those gorgeous, knee-length boots but she's kept her hair back, is not cluttered by accessories and manages to pull off a stately look.



« **ALIA BHATT**
Alia looks young and zesty in this outfit — which is a really good thing! We love the thick belt and the shirt button style of her dress. We love that she's kept her hair and makeup simple and only accentuated her look with a pop of bright yellow on those gorgeous strappy shoes.



« **DAISY SHAH**
The one problem we have with this look is just how metallic this fitted dress is. However, we love that it's form fitting, with a bold neckline and winter-friendly long sleeves — making her look pretty, feminine and classy all at once (minus the super bling). The shoes finish off the look nicely but we're not fans of the makeup.



« **ELLI AVRAM**
Sere, Elli looks really great in this outfit with her glam makeup and statement watch. However, we're not going to go gaga over the ruffled, off-shoulder style — it seems like it's a wee bit small for the pretty lady. The pulled back hair helps draw attention to the off-shoulder style, which is a good thing. But, we're not really sure about those chunky gold peep-toes.



« **SOHA ALI KHAN**
Soha really looks like she ran out of pretty dresses, grabbed a bedsheet and belted it around herself (subtle tuck!) with a black band. The diva's, matchy-matchy platform and super-pink lips don't help her much. If she was aiming for a chic pink look, she seems to have skipped the chic and overdone the pink.