



LS SUGGESTS

The most eye-catching jewellery of 2020

One of the easiest ways to spice up an outfit is adding on some bling. Before you decide to get your hands on some new pieces, pay close attention to all the new trends that have been emerging, because not just the seasons, jewellery trends also change and evolve with time. A little research goes a long way because you can always sport these pieces on multiple occasions.

MISMATCHED EARRINGS

Yes, they were a thing before, but recent trends are not like the ones we saw years back; these are not as loud, and more detailed. You can buy pairs that come in similar colours and different shapes, or same shapes and different designs, one shorter and one longer, and so on. Bottom line — they should have some form of element tying them together, so, even if mismatched, they look like a pair. If you have got multiple earrings in similar colours, textures, metals or base, try out a few to make your own.

Another take on this trend seen a lot on the runways were single earrings, where you sport one hot piece in one ear.

SPRING CALLING

Even at the peak of summer, we can never get enough of bright spring colours. From pastels to bolds, the more colourful the better. Think lots of bright florals, gems,

pearls and beads all put together to create beautiful statement pieces.

Pair these bright colours with subtle prints like polka dots or chequered, or better yet, solid colours to focus solely on the jewellery itself.

AN HEIRLOOM FOR GENERATIONS

If you have ever peaked into your grandma's jewellery box, you have seen a lot of these designs. Matte antique finished

gold, minimal detailing, and bold dome shaped gemstones. Signet rings and lockets have taken over Instagram, because they provide a visible but subtle sheen, and look like they were made for the contemporary outfits we love.

OVERSIZED CHAIN LINKS

Perfect for those who love bling, but do not want to go through all the effort of matching jewellery. Oversized chain links come in various types that go with every sort of outfit. From chunky metal on formals, to bedazzled with gemstones on dresses and even resin ones for your everyday clothes.

SQUISHED PEARLS

Traditionally, most pearl designs we used to see would have symmetric spheres. Recently, however, baroque pearls are all the hype. They look more natural, do not give off a plastic shine, and pair surprisingly well with matte gold. A classy and feminine choice for a night out, and a must-have if you love subtle yet bold jewellery.

EYE OF THE TIGER

Not for the faint of heart, animal motifs are back in jewellery this year. Scorpion neck pieces, panther head rings, lion head cuffs and fishbone earrings, just to name a few, were some of the most coveted at Fashion Week 2020. These stand out from the rest in that they garner a lot of attraction, so be sure of minimising glam on the rest of the outfit when wearing animal motifs.

HOOPS! I DID IT AGAIN

Did hoops really ever leave? No matter, as this time around, it is better and bigger. Think fat wide gold rings for night outs, massive resin hoops that look great for outdoors and hoops inside hoops for occasions. And even though we do not see much of it, hoops go really well with traditional wear like kameezs when in fun colours.

JEWELLED COLLARS

Remember the Gossip Girl era where everybody would have a thick collar-like neckpiece completely covered in rhinestones, sequins, pearls and everything else we imagine fits as jewellery? It is back, and we love every bit of it. Like the boss of statement neckpieces, these lay flat and cover a lot of neck area and are perfect for lazy girls who love to throw on one piece to complete a look.

HANDMADE WITH LOVE

Handmade jewellery literally screams fun and whimsical, but very down to earth. Stitched with love, these are earrings, bracelets, cuffs and neckpieces stitched onto different sorts of fabric. Pairs great with traditional wear, but if you seek some oomph, throw on a piece or two on your summer suit for an otherwise unique match.

Each different trend speaks to different personalities. Sometimes, you want to look bold with a chunky chain link, while at other times, your elegance wants to speak with pearls and dainty pieces. You can have it all, just at different times with different outfits.

By Anisha Hassan

Photo: LS Archive/Sazzad Ibne Sayed