



**COVER STORY**

Summer in the city leaves one hot under the collar, especially in Dhaka, where temperatures keep rising without rhyme or reason. The unbearable humidity just adds to the difficulties for Dhakaiites! No matter the state of the mercury, one must never suffer sartorially, even if it is summer. Short styles are the order of the day when it's sweltering outside to keep you cool, both fashion-wise as well as comfort-wise.

# Be in a mood in a mini!

It is a no-brainer that short dresses look chic and stylish. An absolute summer staple, it leaves its wearer unruffled and happy. The right one can even take you from day to night and effortlessly so. They are back with a bang, and one is truly spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing!

Firstly, the length matters. Dresses that rise above the knee are categorised as minis and they are all the rage right now. Next, there are many different styles. A chiffon dress in a floral print with ruffles and long sleeves is perfect for the day. From brunches with girlfriends to attending classes, this style is perfect for daily wear.

Another style is the shirt-style, which is basically a slightly longer shirt. It can be worn on its own or cinched in the waist with a cool belt. This is a classic style designed for women on the move. Solid colours, stripes and gingham checks are the best options for this one.

The next contender is the baby doll style that is cute and super-girly. Feminine colours and prints like little flowers and polka dots look great in this style. Another is the stretchy, body-con mini in materials like jersey. Super-soft and comfortable, this one hugs your curves and sits at the right places. Ideal for casual wear, it looks great in black, grey, olive and also camouflage. Made famous by Kylie Jenner, this style is very popular with cool young things these days!

For those velvety summer nights, minis look extremely stylish. A simple little shift in black is always

sophisticated, and every fashionista worth her stiletto should own one. It's wise to invest in a great little black dress, preferably from a well-known designer, made with great material and with a super-flattering fit. It will last in your wardrobe for decades, if chosen wisely. From dawn to dusk, it will keep you looking chic and fabulous.

While black is a popular choice for the night, one can always try something different. Think white satin mini with thin, barely-there straps à la Stephanie Seymour in Calvin Klein from the '90s. White-hot and iconic, this will truly set you apart in a party. Lace mini dresses are another great option that look stylish. Think of unusual colours like nude, peach, navy and olive. Sequined mini dresses are very trendy right now. A long-sleeved, sequined mini in metallic unusual shades like 21st century gold, burnt copper and fuchsia will look super-sexy and stunning.

Animal prints are in vogue too; they look hot. Try it in a different colour like teal, red, silver and green as opposed to the usual gold, brown palette. Think out of the box, put on your mini and show the world how it's done!

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