

A FEMININE autumn

There are very few things as beautiful as a season in transition. Long, languid days of summer slowly fade into early evenings; the sun is mellow and moody. Unexpected yet welcome showers mildly touch the windowsills, its gentle raindrops bidding adieu to the last wistful memories of summer. As the mercury levels adjust to gradually lowering temperatures there is a distinct shift in one's spirits. The yellowing leaves that were a bright, crisp green just a few days ago usher in autumn, the season of transition.

Between scorching summer and frosty winter, autumn brings in welcome respite. The sun is forgiving and kind and mildly chilly evenings set the tone for colder nights ahead. There is an unmistakable air of romance and languor about autumn, much like those sudden infatuations one has on vacations that inevitably end with summer. The beginning of summer is always so hopeful, so vivid with promises of unknown and exciting nature. And as summer's days die away into autumn nights those very exhilarating thoughts are relegated to the back of our minds, making way for the new and unknown.

In Dhaka, autumn often is rare and fleeting.

maximum impact with minimum effort. A sheer coverage of foundation and BB cream of pressed powder will take care of the base. A soft, smoky eye done in shades of slate, charcoal and grey with a hint of lilac is sexy and romantic, and can be easily achieved by mixing colours you already own. Alternately, bare, nude shadows will also look beautiful. There is a definite play of contrast in makeup this fall. Shades like fawn, champagne and smoky pinks are very hot. The Urban Decay Naked 3 palette is ideal for fall, as it has different shades of nudes with pink/brown undertones. Brows are full and arched, which is not to be confused with pencil thin lines that look harsh

out the contours for delicate, feminine cheekbones. A soft, iridescent shimmer in light silver will add highlight; however if gone overboard, it will make you resemble a disco ball! For nails berry, as well as nude shades are very in. The look to covet is soft and feminine, with a touch of romance and nostalgia. Go easy on the kohl and focus on the lips and cheeks instead.

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cross between a metallic and nude shade, it looks regal and vibrant. It looks especially good in chiffon and muslin sarees, and works really well in the evenings when one wants something subtle yet impact-ful. Ombre chiffons and muslins are all the rage this year. When paired with a solid coloured blouse in a contrasting colour it looks gorgeous. Alternately a sequined blouse can be worn with Ombre chiffon. Georgette and crepe de chine looks fabulous too. Simple embroidery looks great, especially when done with zari. One rule of thumb is, if your makeup is the focus, keep the outfit simple and vice versa. Fall is all about restrained yet sophisticated glamour, and one

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There is a growing anticipation for everyone's favourite, the upcoming festive season! Fall is quite liberating in Dhaka, as it means one can finally embrace the nice weather and does not have to be weighed down by fears of heatproofing makeup and clothes! Hence in spirit of ideas about liberating beauty choices, read on!

The softer days of fall means one can get away with a lot less makeup. Dewy, radiant skin is coveted the year around, and it is no different for autumn. Clear skin is paramount, which means

and artificial. Use brow powders to fill any gaps; penciling gives an effect that ends up looking tacky. For lips, berry and plum shades are quintessentially fall. This year the dark, gothic berry shades have been softened with a touch of pink and blush. Softer plums and lips when paired with nude eyes are the ultimate epitome of autumnal glamour. Nude shades are also hot and provide an interesting contrast when paired with the aforementioned smoky eyes. For cheeks, a slightly dusky shade of blush and pink will bring

rich, earthy tones are ruling the runways all over the globe for fall. Colours such as olive, cypress and emerald are very in this year. Deep browns and chocolates look elegant and sophisticated while rich, juicy hues such as deep plum, burgundy and sangria are classy yet pretty. The radiant, bright shade of orchid, which reigned supreme as the colour of the year will continue to be in vogue, and a muted yet deep shade of yellow is also very hot. In terms of metallics, the pink gold hue is very modern, very now. A definite

must bear in mind that less is always more during this time of the year. With these ideas you are likely to enjoy the fleeting halcyon days of autumn to the fullest so go on and have fun!

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