

SPOTLIGHT

# Layer on the long sleeves



**W**HEN it comes to full sleeved t-shirts, winter never leaves for some men. While not everybody would be comfortable donning a dark long-sleeve, rolled up to the elbow on a summer day, come winter, it is time to break out the sophisticated, yet casual look that comes with them.

Long sleeved t-shirts should be part of every man's wardrobe. When shirts are too formal for that hang-out with friends and half-sleeved t-shirts just don't cut out the chill, long sleeves combined with jackets is the way to go. Even at times like this, when the cold alternates between days which are slightly chilled and sweaters feel stuffy, long sleeves are perfect.

With the variety of colours and the endless selection offered these days, long sleeved t-shirts are perfect for layering as a base for your outfit. The initial choice to

make while buying these is whether to go for the crew neck or the v neck. Striped tees perfectly complement a pair of casual jeans. Just avoid the red and white stripes, because the only time those do not stick out like a sore thumb is when Waldo wears them. Some sort of pattern or ones with minimal writing are the best as primary wear. The safest option would be to stick to darker, solid colours. It might be a little hard to find completely solid coloured t-shirts and the ones sold in Bongo more often than not come with a lot of unnecessary writing on them. But with luck and a little patience, you can strike gold.

The most obvious choice when it comes to long sleeves is the layered look. A good and time proven look is to choose a coloured one in sky blue, purple or maroon over a neutral one. Partnered

with dark-washed jeans, this look is a good approach. Another option is to go for a neutral colour as a base and a smart jacket on top. Chic and not too square.

Doja market opposite of Dhaka College has a mass collection of long sleeved t-shirts for casual wear. These are available in coloured stripes, prints, writings and solid colours like black, blue, grey, orange etc. These will not cost you much, all start from Tk 200. There are many other shops in Bashundhara City, Shimanto Square as well as in Gulshan where you will find a huge collection of long sleeved t-shirt within your budget.

Shops like Plus Point, Yellow or Ecstasy always have a wide variety of

designs available. Hike up you budget a bit more and you can find tees worth Tk 790 to Tk 590 in Le Reve. Full sleeve t-shirts in high neck, crocodile neck, round and V-neck are available this winter. The important thing to remember is that a long sleeved t-shirt can essentially be used just like half sleeves. Experiment with layers – try hoodies, sweaters and jackets with them. As the winter progresses and the transition to spring begins, they are the perfect intermediaries between the layers of jackets and the summery white half sleeves.

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