

Make your jewellery speak out for you

– what to wear at your wedding

Wedding season is just around the corner. If you are a bride-to-be, you are probably going through some of the best days of your life, and perhaps some of the busiest. You feel a whirl of emotions in you that you've never felt before. You are happy, excited, and nervous at the same time. You have to be the best of who you are to embark on this new and special chapter in your life and everything that follows. To mark this beginning, you must be longing to display your best look, too. A bright start to a special story always helps, and is remembered like fireworks on New-year's eve.

You must be confused about so many things, especially on how you want to dress and ornament yourself. You will be the centre of the universe for so many people during these days, and you want to live up to the occasion – not only for the ones that matter, but also for yourself, which is most important.

One of the things that may have occupied your thoughts is what jewellery to wear on the different occasions during the wedding celebrations. Here you will find a few pertinent suggestions that could help you decide:

THE PROPOSAL

The journey begins! You must be well dressed, but make sure it's not too flashy. An ideal choice of jewellery for this occasion would be a pair of traditional gold Konkon/bangles accompanied by a beaded



gold chain. This way, you will not look like you took hours to prepare for it (which you probably have), but it would also show that you care about the way you look.

ENGAGEMENT

Here cometh the ring! A diamond engagement ring is a shimmering staple for modern engagement tales. It never lets you down. Add a wedding band with it (worn before a solitaire), and you look complete, almost.

Make sure not to leave the neck empty. Incorporate a lightweight pendant that reflects your personality. Classic long pendants or a choker pendant set are good options.

You can recommend your man a dia-

mond and platinum band, which is commonly worn nowadays. One can also wear cufflinks for shirts, which add a subtle sophistication to the way he looks.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A relatively new addition to the family of wedding rituals. You must look the best, but with minimal jewellery. Small Chandbalis (pearl & gold) or a delicate diamond and pearl earring with a cocktail ring would add charm to your look.

AKHT

The actual occasion around which every other rituals revolve. This binds you to your special one in the eternal covenant. You must look simple, yet ornamented. A nose-pin, one or two gold and Kundan set or Jarwa sets are

known to be ideal for the occasion.

MEHENDI

Nowadays, brides are known to have been increasingly incorporating jewellery to complement their mehendi outfits. A nine-coloured gemstone called a Navratan set with small Jhumkis to make for a perfect mehendi look. A Navratan set goes with almost any outfit because of the combination of colours it has.

If you prefer a heavy look, add a gold and Kundan Shitpatti. It is a happening trend right now. Alternatively, you can also opt for wearing either one of these if you prefer lighter look.

WEDDING

Here comes the big event! This is the night for which so many preparations were made. Everyone is looking at you.

Polki and pearls are a current hot favourite. You can wear gold and Polki sets layered with a long Sitahar or a multi-layered necklace. A proper layering and incorporation of long and short sets the right way is needed to bring out the best look in you. Look for chokers or necklaces that have a mix of gold polki and pearls. Matching the long and short sets of chokers and necklaces are trends to follow.

Add texture to your look with matching Tikli with the necklace add a big Jhapta on the side. Alternatively, a bride can choose to wear a Shitipatti. Complete your bridal look with tying an armband. Deck up the hands with Polki Ratanchur and a pleasant number of gold Balas. It is not preferred to forget the Nathover, the Nosepin for the brides.

Similarly men can choose to wear custom made diamond or Polki buttons with their Sherwani for a regal look. A Polki Kalgi on the turban/safa and some strings of pearl and emeralds as a neckpiece can seal the deal on the look pallet for the groom.

RECEPTION

The ending chapter of the fairytale. You want to look as pretty as you did in the wedding, if not even better, but also different. A classic diamond set with hints of emerald or rubies, added to diamond bangles and Tikli would allow you to stand out and take the centre stage with pride. And yes, as usual, it will be difficult for your man to take his eyes off you. Wink Wink!

Weddings can be a daunting affair, but that's also because it is so special. Being at your best for the occasion while looking your best can be challenging, but with proper planning and information, you can ace it. So go out there, and win it, like you always have!

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