

# JEWELLERY

## on a shoe-string budget

Right when you are about to leave the mall after an exhausting shopping spree, you realise that one thing has still not been ticked off your list. And while you look at your rather light wallet with a sole Tk1000 note remaining, you wistfully wonder whether your gorgeous dress will have to forgo matching jewellery.

Fret no more! Believe it or not, there are plenty of aesthetic, even expensive-looking, jewellery pieces that are available within your budget. From chic everyday beads, to sophisticated silver earrings, there are plenty of options to choose from.

Whether you look through the nooks of Gausia and Chandni Chawk or stroll through the second floor of Metro Shopping Mall, there are sure to be plenty of affordable jhumkas, rings, bangles, marble earrings, hoops and pendants that will catch your eye. The best part about Gausia and Chandni Chawk is that the shops are always open to bargaining. The small jhumkas cost about Tk 150 – Tk 200 while the larger ones, perfect as semi-fancy wear, cost about Tk 200 –Tk 300. These shops are also a hub for basic gold-plated chains and lockets as well as silver and gold-plated bangles, perfect to add a bit of glam to your regular wear.

With chic chokers starting at Tk 100 and elaborate necklaces starting at Tk 600, Metro Shopping Mall is the ideal place for shoppers with a keen eye.

Adorned with sequins, stones and laces, these are sure to get heads turning at any event. To vamp up your game, opt for noloks, jhaptas and tiklis, which cost around Tk 800, depending on the size and intricacy of the designs. For a simplistic elegant vibe, there are small studs of garnets, rubies and emeralds costing about Tk 900 and these can be worn with both Western and traditional wear.

One can always use accessories to add a bit of bold vibrancy to their outfits. Whether it is to create the perfect boho fusion look or to add a touch of tradition to the classic sari, beads and clay necklaces are always a fashionista's favourite and can be found for as low as Tk 200. You could also opt for wooden sets for about Tk 350 or even handcrafted cloth jewellery.

Fashion is indeed arbitrary. So no matter where you choose to look, do remember to never shy from experimenting!

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Fashion houses such as Aarong, Jatra, and Kay Kraft are constantly bringing new design concepts using vibrant colour combinations and geometrical shapes; these are not only aesthetically pleasing, but also make quite a statement. Aarong has a separate section dedicated to the wooden and bead jewellery as well to cater to the needs of shoppers on a budget.

