

COVER STORY

You start the morning with a cold winter breeze brushing across your cheeks, and you instinctively put on that warm woollen sweater. However, as soon as the sun comes out, you are practically sweating!

Thanks to global warming, sweater weather is not quite here yet. The slow arrival of winter means that quite often one is stuck between feeling chilly or too stuffy.

Perhaps, this is why light winterwear is such a life saver. Bangladeshi fashionistas do not quite have to overhaul on winterwear since most winter days are not too severe. Instead, smart layering and picking the right fabric are often enough to jazz up your wardrobe.

ble of matching any fashion style. Usually available in cotton, flannel and polyester, hoodies are the ultimate go-to winterwear. With V-necks, side-pockets, and rhinestones, there is a wide variety of designs for you to choose from.

You could opt for a funky graphic hoodie or go for cutesy screen-printed ones. To notch up things, you have the hoodie t-shirts, which are perfect for those

LIGHT WINTER WEAR



Layering will not only give you a chance to use different colours but also add dimension to your outfit since you can experiment with various slits and hemlines.

With fabrics, opt for the medium-weight ones that give a warm and soft texture such as silks, linens, polyesters, denim and so on. For those of you with a love for traditional wear, it's time to bring out the khadis!

SHAWLS

Nothing quite marks the arrival of winter as much as the cosy lightweight shawls draped over the shoulders of Bengali women. Shawls handcrafted with sequins and embellishments have been an all-time favourite to complement saris and salwar kameezes. You could also wear it with kurtis and shirts. Opt for a contrast with a single monochromatic colour or go for checks for a preppy look. The way you tie or drape your shawl can make or break your outfit. So, do not forget to experiment with it.

SHRUGS

From monochromatic hues like pink, black and brown, to tribal and floral prints, shrugs can play a massive role in vamping up your style during mild winters. Available in various sizes and cuts, shrugs are perfect for layering. Opt for embellished ones and pair them with light-coloured tops. Alternatively, you could also match a sleeveless printed shrug with a toned down full sleeved shirt underneath.

HOODIES

Versatile and perfect for casual wear, hoodies are capa-

winter mornings when you are either running out of time or simply too lazy to dress it up.

PONCHO

Ponchos are a must-have for those with a love for the carefree Bohemian lifestyle. Warm and versatile, ponchos are both fashionable and functional as they let you hold onto that warm blanket feeling of winter mornings. Mostly available in earthy tones and tribal prints, these are perfect for both casual and semi-formal occasions. Match these with a pair of skinny jeans or jeggings and you are good to go!

SHOES

It's high time you stop wearing sandals and freezing your feet! Instead, opt for shoes that cover your toes. A pair of classic black pumps or a vibrant juttis would complement all traditional wear such as salwar kameezes and saris.

Ballet flats are available in various hues and prints and go well with kurtis and fatuas. Those of you into western wear can finish your look with a pair of sneakers or even chic loafers that match your chinos.

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