

Inventive Bangladeshi Clothing Ideas

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Every Eid, the markets get flooded with people looking for that perfect dress they'll eventually take 4923756 selfies in on Eid day. And if that perfect dress isn't in the market, they'll make one after arguing for 3 weeks on end with a tailor who already has too much on his plate.

But then they complain about not standing out too much because their outfit wasn't unique enough, and that's where they start bringing in outlandish fashion ideas.

PAKHI DRESS (BUT A BIT MORE LITERAL)

Remember the whole pakhi dress debacles of a few years back? Where literal tears were shed and punches thrown over obtaining some silly outfit that was supposed to be the pinnacle of Eid fashion? Now what if we took that concept and made it very literal? Slap some wings on that dress, and you're good to go. Maybe throw in some feathers too and everyone's gonna stop to look at you twice. Maybe practice some birdcalls, but maybe not too well so you don't run the risk of confusing some real birds thinking you're a prospective mate. Accidentally ending up covered in bird droppings and getting pecked at all day isn't a fun way to spend Eid.



BATTLE SHERWANIS

With the release of Black Panther, the average Bangali moviegoer kept asking which shop at Elephant road do the Wakandans shop at, and then obsessively showing 240p screenshots of weird angles of Chadwick Boseman standing fashion-

ably to their tailors in hopes to recreate it. Now I ask, what's stopping you from taking a different approach to this? You're looking at the wrong outfit, take some of the Black Panther suits and ask your tailor to incorporate some of those designs into your *sherwanis*. Now you're ready for both

Eid and combat versus your cousins to get that sweet salami from your rich distant relatives.

THE PANJABI-LUNGI HYBRID

Have you ever wanted to dress high fashion but felt uncomfortable? Did you want to spice things up by dressing deshi, but comfortable? This is where the *panjabi-lungi* hybrid comes in, where your *panjabi* is so long you have a nice *lungi* built into it for maximum comfort. It helps that a *lungi* can be more extravagantly designed than a simple pyjama. So, swap out your boring outfits for something that lets a little more air inside this summer heat.

Even the ladies can get in on this by just writing away the *lungi* as a long skirt and pretending the *panjabi* is a fancier *kameez*. And best of all, you can easily DIY this with your dad's *lungis* and your *panjabis* right at home.

If anyone from the notable fashion brands around the world is reading these, you're welcome for the ideas. Of course, I'm no fashion designer but I'm sure if a big name fashion company picks it up, these will sell. Right, guys? No?

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Ways to Spend your Eid Salami

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For those who don't have any prospects of receiving any salami or have had their money confiscated by their parents, you might want to turn your eyes to the next article. On the other hand, if you're someone who has been blessed with amazing relatives and have a lot of salami to spend, here is how you can spend some of that money.

NETFLIX SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do you like drama, action, sci-fi, sitcom, anime, documentaries, classics, being glued to your screens, binge watching shows, watching the latest series before

everyone else, giving people spoilers, and chilling? If so, get yourself a Netflix subscription, because I have just given 13 reasons why you should. Premium packages should cost you around USD 12 which roughly translates to BDT 1000.

FOOD

With Ramadan being over, you finally get to hang out with your friends in restaurants and coffee shops. Purchasing food and beverages is a great option if you want to splash some of your salami around. May be you could pay a visit to any of the fancy hotels or lounges you see popping up on social media due to their questionable price tags.

WORLD CUP STUFF

The greatest show on earth gives you the opportunity to spend some good money on football merchandise. Perhaps you still haven't bought that jersey of your favourite team or maybe that flag of yours is too small for showing off to your neighbours. Then go on and spend some of that salami into these things.

GIVE YOUR FRIENDS A TREAT

Ever had your friends annoy the life out of you for a treat? But in spite of being the kind hearted soul you are, you could never manage to give them one thanks to your empty wallet. Fear not, for this Eid you

can afford it. So select your closest friends and head out to the nearest place where you can find food. May be this Eid, you'll be getting more attention than salami.

CHECK ON YOUR DEBTS

You may not owe people a lot of money, but despite this, it's still a good option to check on your debts. Maybe you had borrowed money from your friends that needs to be repaid or you need to pay three months' worth of bill at your local *tong*. Even if you don't pay the entire debt or bill, you should at least pay back what you can and lighten the burden on your shoulders.