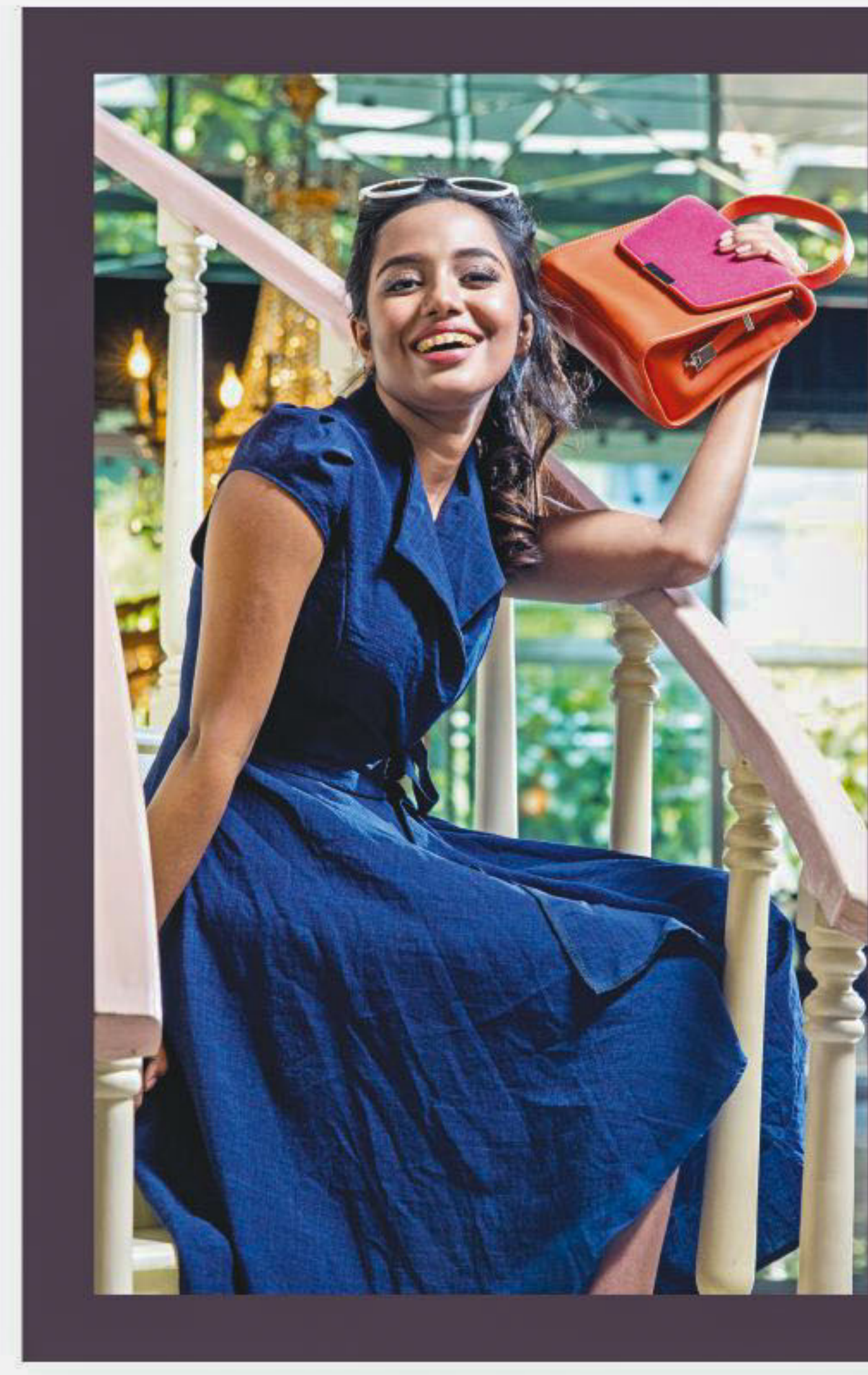




If diamonds are a girl's best friend, then bags are probably the most important accessory to carry. Why you ask? See just as an ill-fitting blazer can break your look, the same applies to styling with the right bag.



All bags are amazing, and as a young budding fashionista, the eternal obsession with bags for this one bloomed at a very young age and that fire still burns.

To be honest, let's not forget the important role ALL bags play. Primarily their sole purpose is to store the most important things you require depending on where you are off to. Special shout out to all my girls who always make sure they're carrying chap stick in their bag, regardless of how high end or low key the event they're attending.

The right way to style bags all depends on your own personal choice and how much you are willing to experiment.

For everyday use and running errands, it is best to opt between tote bags or Hobo handbags. While one provides an abundance of space without breaking your items, the other has a more soft, flexible outlook, respectively.

Both styles of bags are versatile, chic and looks great when coupled with relaxed jeans, summer dresses and blouses and T-shirts. However, if you want to make an impression, walk into your next presentation with a Hobo handbag, black slacks and a white pair of sneakers — channel your inner Bohemian spirit ready to score the highest marks in the class!

The empowered, 2019 femme does it all. One of the best bags to carry around, especially if you have a full packed day starting from morning to night and you do not feel like you want to carry around a big bag is to try out a cross-body bag.

It keeps you hands-free, low profile and easily translates from day to nighttime, let that be at a wedding or a stroll to your favourite café. Neutral or dark tones like blacks, navy blues are always a safe bet, but you can play up your look with a floral printed, fuchsia or even hot pink cross-body; as long as the rest of your attire is on the lighter spectrum, or isn't heavily printed.

Growing up, personally, it all depended on my mood, the weather and the outfit I was planning to wear. If you're planning on

catching up with friends over a friendly football or basketball match, or Zumba session at the gym, go for a simple messenger, satchel or canvas handbag. They are big enough to carry all the essentials you need without cramping on your flair and lightweight.

Add splash of colours to the handbag of your choice when attending evening events. Keep it classy but still trendy with a clutch or evening purse that matches either your jewellery, or shoes. Since the night is as young as you feel, experiment with studded, fully beaded or a colourful bag paired with a solid coloured outfit. Remember, in 2019 the monochrome look works with any colour and not just black!

If you are just started to discover your love affair with bags, then start off with investing in

a good leather tote bag in a dark shade. Nothing beats a stylish black, mauve, coffee or even midnight blue handbag for everyday use.

Play with the darker and lighter variations of neutral tones, but never, ever match the colour of your outfit to the bag you're carrying. That bag is just as important as any other accessory worn on the body, and the last thing you want is to be lost in the whole look or sticking out like sore enlarged thumb!

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BAG on the panache

