

**STYLE COUNCIL**

# Checkmate!

When it comes to fashion, the easiest way to go about is to keep it casual. Team a chequered shirt with a good pair of jeans, roll up the sleeves and add a watch/bracelet. Tuck in, layer with a sweatshirt and add a pair of glasses for a smart, but serious attitude.

Checked shirts are the ultimate casual go-to. If checks are up your alley, you are in luck as the recent comeback of this pattern is exciting to say the least. However, this particular trend has always been mainstream — from streets to desks, you are sure to spot someone in a check shirt.

But, how often does it grab your attention?

Checks can often look nothing but ordinary; even messy if not styled properly. Making checks fashionable is what the current times are all about. And with a little thought, it's definitely not rocket science.

Checked shirts can be dressed up as both casual and formal; quite a perk! However, pay a little attention to the styling to look your very best. In terms of patterns, the options are many. From plaids to gingham, choose whichever appropriates your aesthetic. Needless to say, the choice with colour tones are endless — from a no-brainer black and white, to a joyful multi-coloured, you can always find something that aligns with your style.

For casual wear, shirts are usually more breezy, comfy and just perfect! For ladies, pairing a checked shirt with a well-fitted pair of solid pants, leggings or denim can never fail. Ease the bottom to look smartly casual; tuck in to look chic and put-together.

For formal wear, complement your chequered shirt with some seamless pieces. Suit up, add a blazer; co-ordinate with a matching midi skirt/ formal pants; put on a minimal belt, tuck in the shirt and throw on a pair of kitten heels for an impeccable work-lady outfit.

Checked shirts are a great option for both men and women. Style right and check with your mate to look outstanding amongst the ordinary this season.

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