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#### HIDE AND SEEK

In a time when one is not bound by any boundaries, the rebellion can take us back in time, with the bride in a timeless red, or take us forward, into the high fashion of the 21st century wedding scene in a red velvet dress.

At first glance, a wedding gown may seem inappropriate in a 'desi-wedding.' These trends, however, are 100 percent rebel approved, especially these two-pieces that are pretty, but not uber feminine. They are in the middle ground between extremes, neither too traditional to be claimed orthodox, nor too into the future. If there are any rules when it comes to wedding fashion — this look is surely breaking them all!

Another great option is somewhat radically different. Sheer has recently made headlines as the Jamdani is now making a comeback. Today's heirloom pieces maintain the signature translucency, albeit in myriad unseen designs. Jamdani was once thought to feature only inanimate shapes and designs, but recent investigations reveal an unexplored past.

Only a rebel bride is brave enough to wear such sheers, 'barely there' wedding style, but it works.

Colour frontiers are also opening up. If men can now don the black dress, maybe the bride too can toy around with the shades a little. These untraditional wedding styles have vintage influences, borrowed from the East and the West, and put everything together in unexpected contemporary ways.

Also, take note — one can never go wrong in a black sari, or a stunning kameez on an occasion as deserving as the wedding of a good friend, or a dear family member.

So, why should the bride herself shy from all the fun. True, she must stand apart, but that should not be the game plan for every single event.

#### ALWAYS BE OUR BABY

The quintessential wedding attire is not about colour, the lehenga you have ditched; the sari that you are planning to wear, or the kameez you wish you could put on and have a breather. To the artful rebel bride, it is the complete ensemble, from head to toe; coordinated with the man by your side, and aided by all those who love you enough to spend time away from their busy lives with you.

Life is not about pretensions, the key to success lies in being what we are. Treating ones we care about with the same amount of love as we wish they would shower upon us.

The label of a new bride is hard to shrug off. So, why make things boring with saris and kameezs on repeat. Be creative, and play some hide and seek...

If you are daring enough to wear this attitude on your big day and every day, then you are surely a rebel bride, our darling fashionista.

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