

COVER STORY

The Second Act

This is something few are prepared for. In all rational minds, the wedding hullabaloo ends with the post wedding reception, and the 'firani.' The point you are missing, and as all seasoned couples will tell you, is that a whole new ball game awaits every newlywed — the Second Act — a series of invitations from all frontiers that welcomes the newly added member to the clan. This is neither easy on the new bride nor the groom. And what is infinitely worse than putting on the extra pounds within just a week, is the chronic case of 'nothing to wear' syndrome.

We are sure you have the wedding covered. Starting from the start of formal talks, to the proposal, the mehendi, the holud, until the post wedding walima. That is wedding scene 2019 for you. You have the bridal entourage ready to dance till they drop, and on the big days, your plans are so stellar that they are fool proof. Almost!

You have taken sartorial advice from your bestie, the husband-to-be (just in case), and also all the couturiers in town. The major brands have all been visited, not once, or twice, but thrice just to check if all events are covered. The list has been made and posted to the groom, and you are expecting the delivery of the proverbial wedding suitcase soon enough.

Wedding scenes have changed; all can testify to that. It is not only the outwardly affairs that have witnessed transformations, the entire concept of tying the nuptial bond has seen a paradigm shift. Keeping up with the Joneses was never this important in our lives.

It would have been okay if you could just think of the sari for the holud, the wedding itself, a sari for the reception, and one for the day after. Not anymore! Today, the bride and the groom are bombarded with invites, at times, even before they say "I do." And all their sartorial needs have to be addressed ASAP.

As far as wardrobes are concerned, weddings are no longer the only event that need good coordination between the bride and the groom; it is the significant start. As the days go, the bride shall need several looks that will match up the hype of a new bride with all the glitz and all the glam.

Your BFF may get married this wedding season, and by virtue of you being the 'newlywed,' you need to look the part. Simplicity has never been more crucial, because in the event of a wedding of a female friend, or your husband's friend, you must follow the same cardinal rule that you expected everyone to abide by — glow, but never outshine.

Major fashion crime!

