



Worn casually, crossed belts can be worn over jeans, shirts or any everyday outfit that you want to jazz up a little bit.

IVORY WAISTLINES

Blacks and browns are the traditional or 'safe' colours for a big belt, and white is more often avoided. But with the right dress at the right time, a wide white belt can make just as much a statement, if not more. They pair well with light wash jeans, white tees, over floral summer dresses for a toned down look, or over a black dress for a more elegant combination. They can also be worn over white dresses too when you have a standout buckle that pops.

LOVE FOR ANIMALS

We love animals and dazzling fun patterns, which makes faux animal skin our best friend. Crocodile and snake skin are two of the most popular when it comes to belts, and are an amazing way to add texture to a dress. These add a certain warmth to any outfit, and even more so when the buckles have warm tones too. Opt for strong and square resin buckles in contrasting animal patterns for a pattern-rich combination to spice up any plain dress. Pair this with similar resin jewellery and leave the base outfit in block colours for maximum effect.

CHAINED WAISTS

A chain by itself creates a slim belt, and while it looks pretty great, it looks better when there are multiple thick chains clumped together to create a metal belt. Less on the casual side, thick chain belts are more used in evening wear for their glamorous outlook. There are a handful of ways one can style these. The thicker the chains, the better it will suit the look of a cinched waistline. These make your regular jeans look more polished, and pair well with warm animal prints. On the other hand, one can layer these chained belts on top of leather ones if you want to emphasize on your belt further.

SKIRT BELTS

If there is a belt you can wear with pants, we are more than sure it can be sported on a skirt as well. Over time, we have categorised belts into pant-belts and dress-belts, but the skirt often gets left out. From chained belts on black skirts for an evening look, and a white belt on a formal pencil skirt for work, to animal prints on a ruffled skirt and double buckles on straight skirts, there are few rules to follow here.

One does not need a different belt for each category of outfit — a little mixing and matching the same belt can serve you well from your morning denim to evening dress with little adjustments to the rest of the wardrobe.

No matter what the rest of the ensemble is, a big belt can dress up absolutely any outfit being the statement piece it is. This is a simple yet great way to add structure or some funk to any outfit, without having to do much. It is also great as a jewellery alternative for those who do not like to wear too much jewellery, yet seek a little glitz in their outfits. Overall, belts, even though they are a fashion statement piece, are without a doubt, a necessity, making them an investment for your wardrobe.

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