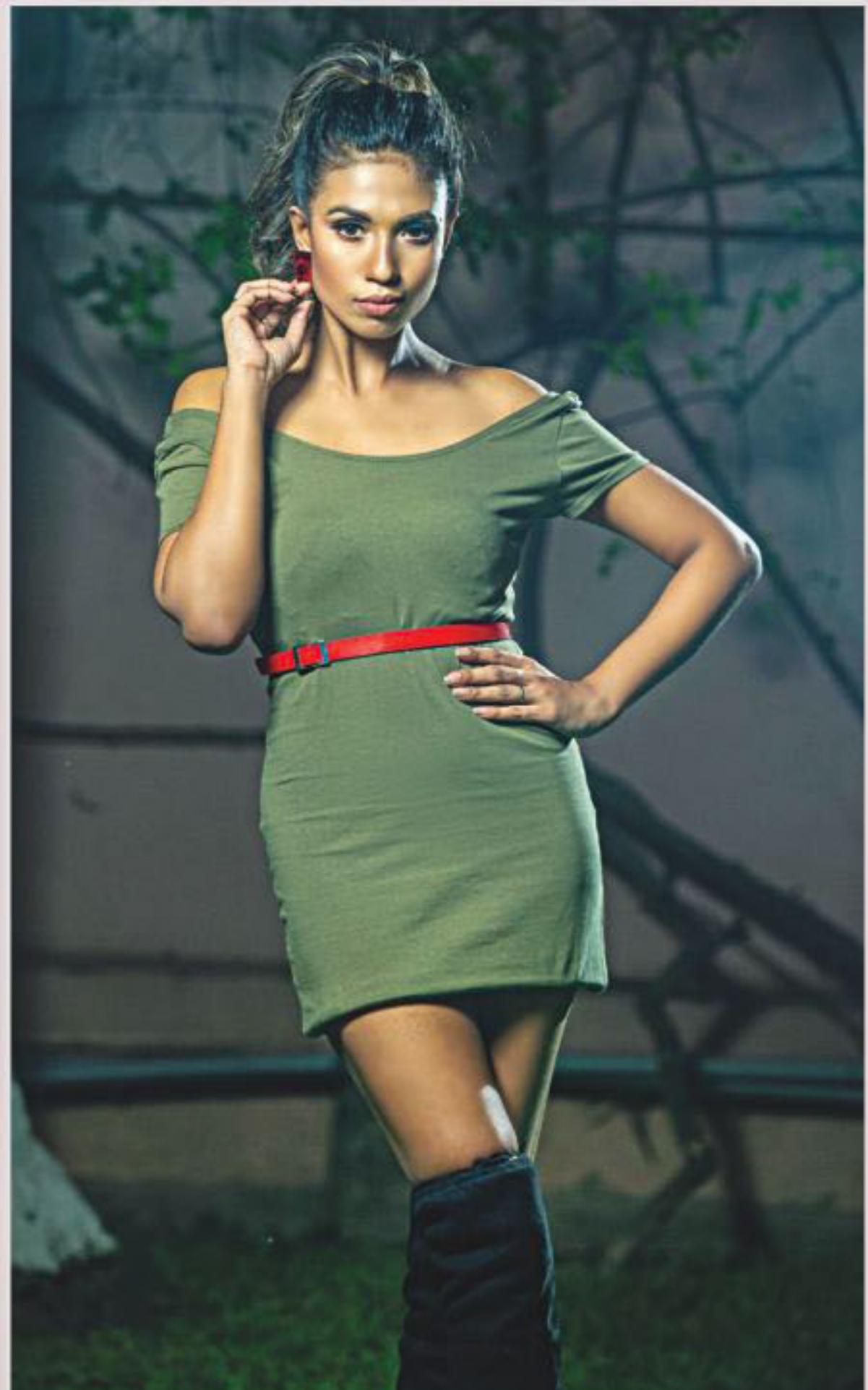


# We like big belts and we cannot lie



It's been a while since we have seen big belts. Even recently, it seemed like skinny and barely visible belts were all the rage. While they served their purpose to the fullest, they left a bit of emptiness in the fashion department with their barely-there heft. And this is where the big belts come in, ones we have been avoiding for a long time for their firm structures and big buckles, and the same ones that we are dying to sport today over our pants, skirts, and everything else. Skinny belts can only go so far, it is the big belts that you can sport with pretty much all sorts of outfits to elevate them and dress up even the most causal pair of jeans.

#### DOUBLE TROUBLE

Sometimes a single buckle just does not cut it. At times like these just bring out two. Coming out symmetrically from both ends to create a bigger centre buckle, these look great when paired with casuals, and is an easy way to step up your denim game. Most double buckles come in silver buckles over black belts, and stand out over black jeans and a simple white t-shirt. Swipe out the white t-shirt for a black top to instantly change from day to night wear. Finish off with a boot and slim silver jewellery to tie the look together.

#### WRAPPED RIBBONS

As the name suggests, these are belts that you wrap around your waist without using any sort of belt hoop. Because these do not come with your traditional buckle, you can tie them

anyway you want. Be it a bow, or let it stray loose like a martial arts belt, either ways, these wrapped belts are a fun way to add dimension to a flat outfit, and are mostly seen over evening wears. Velvets and silk, are what one should look for to get the most impact out of a wrapped belt. Wrapped belts are wide, and the best escape for when your top does not match your bottom, as this acts as a transition in between.

#### BEDAZZLED

Sometimes, we all need a little bling in our outfits, and jewellery does not have to be the only way to achieve that. Bedazzled belts are mostly seen on runways, but they can also be sported on special occasions too, especially with formals. A lot of us struggle to make our pantsuits look more than a job interview outfit, but the right belt

can be the solution to that, where every inch is covered with studs and stones for a dazzling outcome. These will take any boring old pantsuit to the next level and make them evening-wear worthy. Just make sure to put the belt over your blazer instead of through the loops, as this will create a cinched waist and will make your pant suit stand out.

#### CROSSOVERS

Cross belts will somewhat remind one of the era of renaissance, and somewhat of cowboys, but rest assured, the ones we find today fit into our modern ensembles perfectly, and give just the right amount of bulkiness that a plain outfit requires. Coming in layers, this creates a heavy silhouette and hence, the belt should be the uppermost accessory, without any coats or jackets over it, which will create unnecessary clutter.

