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# Fusion for Falgun

Pahela Falgun calls for a celebration as we embark on the charming season of Spring (*boshonto*). It bears a tradition of festivity, further brought to life by Bengali women. Their mesmerising beauty and graceful ensemble truly radiate the spirit of Spring, making Pahela Falgun beloved by all.

Women dress-up to look their best. Some even get creative with their attire. A fusion of western and traditional is quite in vogue and so, it is an interesting style to try for the occasion. This can easily be sorted with existing pieces in your closet, saving you from buying something new.

## Sari with a top

Instead of a traditional blouse-piece, how about you drape your sari over a western top?

Tops are similar to regular blouses, making this style an easy one to pull off. However, to look your best, an

appropriate pairing is a must. Crop tops are the best option as they typically come with a good fit. A top of any length can be worn, as long as it complements the sari and looks flattering.

Make the materials work; a silk sari can look stunning with a satin top, just as cotton would complement cotton.

In terms of colour, wear one that matches the hues on your sari or strays to the contrast.

Don't look overdone by staying minimal. Style the rest with traditional jewellery, tie your hair into a soft bun and look breath-taking for the day!

## Kurti and skirt

An uncommon choice — pairing a kurti and a skirt!

A definite fusion that looks anything but boring; it's fun to style and comfortable to wear. All you need to do is coordinate the pieces fashionably.

A kurti consists of elements that define Bengali-wear; combined with a western skirt, it translates into a beautiful bond. Make sure the pairing has a fine blend of colours and patterns that complement each other.

Feel free to embrace spring with bright colours! Unless you're going for a boho-chic, keep it classy with subtle designs. For a contemporary feel, add some trendy earrings, a purse, even matching sunglasses. For a 'desi' look, put on some traditional accessories, pair with 'khussas' or 'nagra' and carry a 'potli.' Lastly, own the style with your confidence!

## Dress with dupatta

Add a hint of culture to any western dress (or gown) just by carrying a beautiful dupatta (*orna*). A simple, long dress worn with a dupatta looks transformative yet elegant. Stoles with beautiful, ethnic designs are perfect

for Falgun. The duo, without a doubt, makes a gorgeous attire that is sure to turn heads.

Choose from pretty shades to celebrate the joyous occasion. Carry the stole in a manner that reflects your personal style. You can wear it on one side, wrap it around or carry it on your arm. You can even take it a step further and wear it with a belt. We encourage you to play with your style and play with it. Lastly, accessorise with stunning traditional pieces to complete this fusion get-up!

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