

A,B,C of prints

Let's start with the basics. *The rule of the thumb:* shapes that are not too similar, look good together. So, polka dots can easily be paired with florals and leopard prints with paisleys. However, the problem arises when pied-de-poule and plaids are placed next to each other, because they are way too similar to be compatible.

Similarly, large prints are a big no-no!

If you plan on giving someone a headache, then you can definitely try pairing big-sized prints together. Otherwise, simply try to remember another basic rule of fashion: *two separate, large-scale prints will always try to compete with each other for dominance.*

Finally, to complete any look that has a few different prints in it, always use neutral accessories.

Final World of Caution: *Stick to a similar colour family and DON'T add any more colours to it – not even in the form of accessories!*

Well, a lot of dos and don'ts have been mentioned here, which may get anyone nervous at the beginning. But wearing prints is not much of a chore. It can be very simple if the basics are understood properly.

Prints almost always encourage a retro look, so it can be matched easily with hoops, A-line skirts, palazzo pants, bell-bottoms and most certainly bangs and pony tails.

We all love the '60s and the '70s, the

prints especially the polka dots are a subtle proclamation to the funky and fun era of our predecessors.

Having said that, prints on the sari simply look gorgeous. But in that case, the sari must be in soft chiffon, silk or satin material. The entire look will be ten times more sophisticated when this combination is followed. Not to mention, a beehive and few soft curls added to the look, similar to Brigitte Bardot's would only enhance the sky-high experience.

We haven't spoken about shoes till now and it's about time. Almost always stilettos in the nude can enhance the look of the polka dots and prints, anytime – anywhere. But if you are unable to wear the wounding tall heels, then wedges are always a good alternative. But the secret to wearing prints is that you must always have your back straight, as you stand tall. A limp body tone almost always makes the prints fall flat.

There are a few more tips and tricks to wearing prints, and we'd like to share it here, as much as possible.

Small prints are a preferable wear for ladies with a short stature whilst large prints are meant for the taller populace. Both prints look superbly well on the separate body types.

Prints can be worn at varied occasions, from a fun night-out with friends, to a casual beach outing, to even a formal business meeting with colleagues. To make the look more serious, one should opt out of wearing eye-catching makeup and keep everything else including accessories to a more neutral shade. Whereas to make the look more fun and frolicky; sky can be the limit.

We can only give a suggestion here: *try the blood-red matte lipstick.* This shade never failed the olive-skinned Bengali belle.

Ever!

Au revoir!

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