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Linen trousers: your wardrobe's next summer staple



Denim and twill can get too suffocating for Bangladeshi summers. With heat and humidity dominating most months of the year, linen trousers are the perfect solution for your sticky-skin woes.

It is no surprise that linen trousers have been swiftly gaining traction these days. Not only are they lightweight, breathable, and breezy, linen trousers are also more versatile than you would expect. Additionally, they are significantly more durable than their cotton counterparts, making them less susceptible to wear and tear. Such qualities make linen trousers an excellent contender as a yearlong staple for both the office and casual outings.

Linen trousers are often equated with loungewear, even though that is far from the truth. These trousers come in various waist styles, the most popular including elastic, drawstring and paper-bag due to their added comfort. The most common cuts include wide and long, slim cut and cropped, along with wide legged and cropped. The sheer number of possible waist style and cut combinations make them easy to incorporate into the most polished of wardrobes and adaptable for any occasion, as long as it is done right.

For brunch, errands and other weekend plans

Linen trousers with a comfortable waistline are arguably the closest alternative to heading out in your pyjamas. Women can pair linen trousers in warm earthy shades or cool hues with pale neutral popovers or short sleeved button

downs.

For days when you would rather stay in, drawstring wasted linen trousers with a wide cut and elastic hems are your go-to for maximum comfort. You can pair this style of linen trousers with a monochrome t-shirt. Opting for the same shade of linen top and trousers can help forge a statement outfit for women who are extra adventurous with their wardrobe. It is crucial to keep both the linen trouser and top well fitted when pairing the same shades, as this will keep your outfit out of the dreaded pyjama territory.

For men, pairing linen trousers in light neutrals with darker hued polo shirts or slim fit crew t-shirts are perfect for weekend plans which require no specific



blazer which matches the shade of your linen trousers.

Dining out in linen

Although summer nights are usually cooler, you can never be sure if you will get the indoor seating you want at your favourite upscale restaurant. Linen trousers can come to your aid at times like this. Paperbag wasted linen trousers have the ability to refine the drabdest of outfits, making them the perfect building block for a woman's celebratory dinner or date night outfit. Pairing olive, rosy brown, or jewel coloured linen trousers with blouses consisting of subtle designs or lace will make your outfit restaurant ready. You can also experiment with statement making jewellery, bow heels or bright bags as long as you balance them out with muted and pale coloured trousers and tops.



dress code. If you want to incorporate a distinctly summer feel to your aesthetic, opting for mid sleeved pastel shirts with beige or white trousers can help you achieve your outfit goals.

Linen trousers in business casual

Incorporating linen trousers into your office wardrobe can help make extra stressful days at work slightly more bearable. Even if they cannot take your load off, they can still ensure that you keep your cool throughout. The safest trouser options for women which meet office dress codes include tapered linen trousers, high wasted and pleated linen trousers, and slim cut and cropped linen trousers. Wearing them with a pair of boat shoes and peter pan collared blouse or an Oxford shirt will keep you looking polished. For days when you would rather look business smart than casual, tucking a flowy white shirt into beige linen trousers with a paper bag waist will help you dress down.

For men, some tweaks made to the fit and tailoring can help make linen trousers office ready. Tailoring well fitted linen trousers with turned up hems or inclusion of pleats can really help men gain dapper points.

Linen trousers in shades of beige, umber and olive will make for satisfying purchases as they complement most neutral shaded button downs. During seasonal transitions when the weather gets chillier, you can add a linen blend



For men, a pairing of linen blend jacket and trousers in the same earthy tone coupled with a warm coloured crew t-shirt can help create a statement outfit for dinners out. If you are a fan of cooler colours, Prussian or navy blue linen trousers and linen blend jacket paired with a pastel blue crew t-shirt can do the trick. As linen is extremely breathable, it will not get in the way of your comfort even during summer nights.

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