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Teenagers have more liberty and are far more opinionated than what they used to be. Their fashion is no longer limited to what they see their parents or family/friends wear; it is now global as Social Media directly influences their lives the most.

"Fashion to me is comfort. As days are passing by and my body is evolving, I believe anything that makes me feel good and safe is fashionable to me. However, there are certain attires that are my go-to's and I think with time, that list will increase depending on what I am exposed to", said Zaina Jarjina Mahbub, a 16-year-old student studying at Sir John Wilson school.

# Lightweight kurtis

Summer in tropical countries like Bangladesh can be superheated. Hence, stacking your wardrobe with bright and vibrant kurtis can help you level up your fashion game. You can purchase them from renowned places like Aarong, Jatra, Kay Kraft, Yellow, etc. The most indemand kurtis are block prints on A-line kurti, Pakistani kurti with floral designs, short kurtis with classic embroidery, etc. Adding further, colour blocking and pastel colours on these kurtis make them look very attractive. With a budget ranging from Tk 1,500 to 5,000, you can get some beautiful kurtis to be your partner in fashion this summer.

# Self-coloured tops and tees

"I adore self-coloured T-shirts and think they are very versatile too. You can pair them up with various pants and layer them as per your wish. My most favourite outfit in this scorching summer is a plain oversized t-shirt with straight pants and a cross-body bag. Sheer delight!" said Falak Haque, a fashion enthusiast who dreams to be a designer when she will be ready for grad school.

People can avail these for both men and women from Noir, Roar, Cats Eye, Ecstasy, Richman, Le Reve, etc. The budget can range from Tk 1,000 to 10,000 depending on the work that's put into the top or tee. Some of the most intrend tops are cotton wraps, silk shirts, boatneck floral tops, cold shoulder linen tops, pastel coloured corset tops, etc.

Depending on what floats your boat, go ahead and make that purchase because it's never too late to be fashionably brand new!

### **Bell-bottoms and more** Some fashion items are timeless

beauties. A bell bottom pant is just that. Be it the '80s rock and roll era, or the time of awareness and acceptance in 2022, it's a fit for all. These pants can be worn with western and eastern wear. It is available in all the stores mentioned above and can be bought within a budget of Tk 1,500 to 3,000. Some other in-trend pant types are cotton cargos, straight denims, baggy pants, loosefitting pants, etc. As the young thug says "In my world, of course, it don't matter. You could be a gangster with a dress, you could be a gangster with baggy pants."

So, choose your pants in accordance with your top wear. If you are feeling chic, go for baggy pants. If you are feeling elegant, go for the bell bottoms. There might not be a solution to every problem but there is a pant that adds a touch of spice to every occasion.

# Shades and sunglasses

Can you imagine life without sunglasses in this summer where the sunlight hits your face every time you walk outside? Since you cannot, why not make it a fashion statement too! Sunglasses like slim shades, neon glasses, aviator glasses, mono lens sunglasses etc. are very much in-trend right now. International brands like Gucci, Prada, Chanel and more are renowned to have housed the most fashionable sunglasses but within a very high price range.

If you want something locally made and readily available, you can visit Lunettes, Miniso, Yoyoso etc. to get a pair of shades within the range of Tk 800 to 2,000.

Amrin Tasnim Jaima, a digital content

creator with almost 20,000 followers on Instagram had this to say: "I don't and never will leave my house without my shades and sunscreen. The shades that I own not only makes me feel protected against the sun but gives a sense of being a diva on the runway. I love it and honestly, there is no end to accessorising myself when it comes to these mini yet impactful add-ons".

# Scarves

Moving forward, scarves are another piece of accessory that makes you look good on a whole new level. How you wear it, with what you wear it and when you wear it is up to you but layering your top or kurti this summer with a scarf is something you should consider. You can get a scarf from a local shop or the ones that are mentioned above within a price range of Tk 1,000 to 2,000. The most trending scarves right now are chiffon scarves, silk scarves, cashmere scarves, pashmina scarves, etc. Your wardrobe can never have too many scarves so get set to shop!

As stated earlier, fashion is comfort but it has an influence on the people, place and things you surround yourself with. Wear what makes you feel great, confident and bold. Fashion is a neverending school of thoughts which has an understanding varies from person to person.

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