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# The quintessential BLACK SHOE

We've all heard of the "little black dress (LBD)"— the one thing you know will work each time, when nothing else will. It's time to make space for another unsung hero of your wardrobe that's just as versatile, but unfortunately a lot more underrated — the black shoe.

Shoes have evolved from protecting our feet to reflecting and expressing our personal style. While everything from red

options that both men and women can reach for, without hesitation or much deliberation.

The loyal black shoe takes on a different sheen on formal outfits and office wear. Coming in a variety of styles such as loafers, oxfords, to heels and boots, black is an inclusive colour that caters to a large number of tastes, conservative or flamboyant. Educator Amna Aslam says, "Black shoes are a statement piece in any person's wardrobe, regardless of their gender. In today's day and age, every person should own a comfortable pair of black shoes that can carry them through the day in a stylish way."

Not only is the black shoe an indispensable part of the everyday life of a regular office-goer or university student, it is also the go-to option for stage performers. Think of the famous black loafers Michael Jackson moonwalked in. Or Elvis Presley's iconic black boots. Or even rock 'n roll queen Tina Turner's daring, black peep-toe heels. The examples are endless.

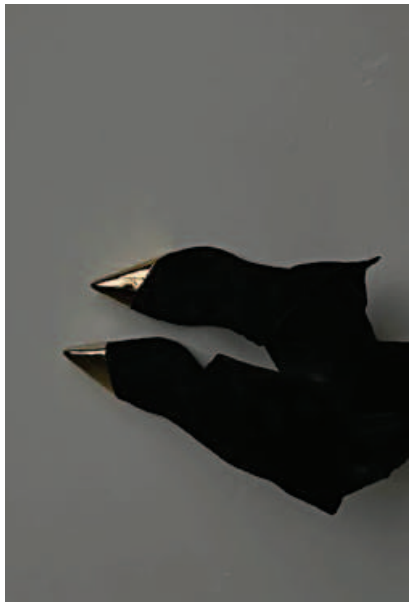
The main vocalist of the up-and-coming Bangladeshi band, Tulkalam, Danny says, "Being a performer, a storyteller, and someone who must exude passion with every move, I have to step out of my comfort zone so many times on stage. The black shoe feels like home. It's low



maintenance, and the aesthetics are great, every time."

This article is by no means the first one to talk about the importance of timeless, classic fashion, and neither will it be the last. However understated the accessory may be, it is time to acknowledge the contributions of sable-toned footwear in the world of fashion. As any fashion expert or enthusiast will tell you, it's time for the LBD to move over, and make space for the penultimate underrated knight of fashion — the black shoe.

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pumps to nude clunks have had their day in the sun, the understated appeal of the classic black shoe is undeniable.

Unlike other fads, the black shoe is universal in its versatility and can complement almost any outfit, its neutral tone blending in seamlessly with virtually any colour palette. Different from the more vibrant options, black shoes act as grounding elements, letting other colours in the outfit take centre stage. Adding noir to your shoe collection largely minimises the need for new purchases because a ready option is almost always available.

Black shoes transcend seasons, working equally well with summer, fall, and winter trends. Be it a peep-toe in sunny weather, pumps or loafers in the autumn or boots in the colder months, sable toned shoes are timelessly elegant

