



SAREE styling with a twist



COVER STORY

At long last the most awaited season of the year is upon us. That hint of chill in the air, days of mellow sunshine, and long magical nights are what we pine for all year and rightly so! Indeed there is something so special, so wonderful about winter in Dhaka that only Dhakaites know and understand. And boy do we like to celebrate in style! Magnificent weddings, parties, dinners and brunches keep our social calendars buzzing, and we turn out in our festive best without fail.

during that time, emulated this genius design.

Short jackets fashioned from fabrics like silk, brocade, and Jamewar, embellished with zardozi and zari embroidery, are worn with sarees of one's choice. An old traditional style, still remarkably relevant and adored by designers in our subcontinent, is a testament to the fact that timeless pieces are revered and loved forever.

Aishwarya Rai immortalised this style in the sartorial sensation of a movie, Devdas, which is a study in style in itself. Pair a katan saree with a jacket blouse, with the anchal either draped in the front or the back. Wear your hair in a low bun with marcel waves and voila!

Legendary Indian designer, Rohit Bal passed away recently, leaving behind his greatest contribution to fashion — long, embroidered jackets worn with a saree. It makes a fantastic statement and is elegant in the best sense of the word.

A velvet jacket with heavy embroidery is undeniably an investment piece and is a gift that will keep on giving. Pair a navy jacket with a maroon velvet saree, or a white Georgette saree with an emerald jacket. It will look stunning either way. Put your hair up in a bun and throw in some stunning chandelier earrings for those magical nights.

Stylish ladies of our subcontinent have always favoured cardigans as a lighter option to keep the chill away while looking sophisticated. Our mothers and grandmothers paired demure cardigans in soft shades such as ivory, peach, or pink during winter days with delicate chiffon sarees, looking lovely and pretty. What an amazing turn of course it is that we, women of modern times keep going back to the archival styles, reinventing them and making them our own!

For daytime brunches and ladies' lunches cardigans and shawls are perfect. Chiffon and georgette sarees worn with a coordinated cardigan are absolutely beautiful. A Devonshire cream cashmere shawl draped delicately around your shoulder over your salmon pink saree will keep you warm and cosy as you sip on your smoky earl grey at your friend's afternoon tea party, the pearls around your neck and diamonds on your ears glistening and glinting in the soft rays of sun in the late winter afternoon!

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