

Necklaces, hoops, and attitude: DRESSING STARTS HERE

Gone are the days when jewellery would be worn only as accessories. Nowadays, it is the ornaments that do the talking while the attire merely provides a supportive backdrop. Bold and made to stand out, statement jewellery is no longer reserved for special occasions. Rather, it has become a street-styler's best friend.

Statement jewellery can adorn the neck, ears, nose, or even the hair. The good news? That one bold piece is all one needs to carry their look through. It dictates the wearer's outfit, allowing them to express themselves in a fun, aesthetic way.

Take, for example, jewellery for the neck. Sitaars may not be the first jewellery choice for young fashionistas, unless, of course, they are worn on a plain T-shirt or shirt, and paired with a contrasting A-line skirt. A cross between a lehenga choli and a skirt blouse set, the look can easily set you up for a glamorous gaye holud.

And there's more. Given the rage of one coloured co-ord sets in the fashion mood board for the year, we all have a few lying around in our cupboards in bright colours like orange or bottle green. Rather than wearing heavy jewellery that can make you look over the top, especially given the loud colour palette, employ the powers of statement jewellery. Choose a long-chained necklace with a bold pendant, and that's it!

For those of you who are ever uninspired sartorially, pairing supersized statement earrings over literally anything can eliminate the need to put together other accessories for your outfit like a complex puzzle. Dresses, pantsuits, or kameezes, a chunky pair of hoops or drop earrings can set your look up instantly. Sweep your hair up for a more dramatic effect and let the ears do all the talking.

Finally, rings! J R R Tolkien would never have known how relevant his line, "One ring to rule them all", would become in the world of fashion until statement rings hit the market. A tad bit more subtle than the other pieces mentioned above, statement rings should be worn with some jewellery, albeit subtle. Whatever the outfit, the "stacking technique" has everyone fixated. Of course, one can also go for that one ornamental, show-stopping piece that would be a conversation starter, but to each their own!

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