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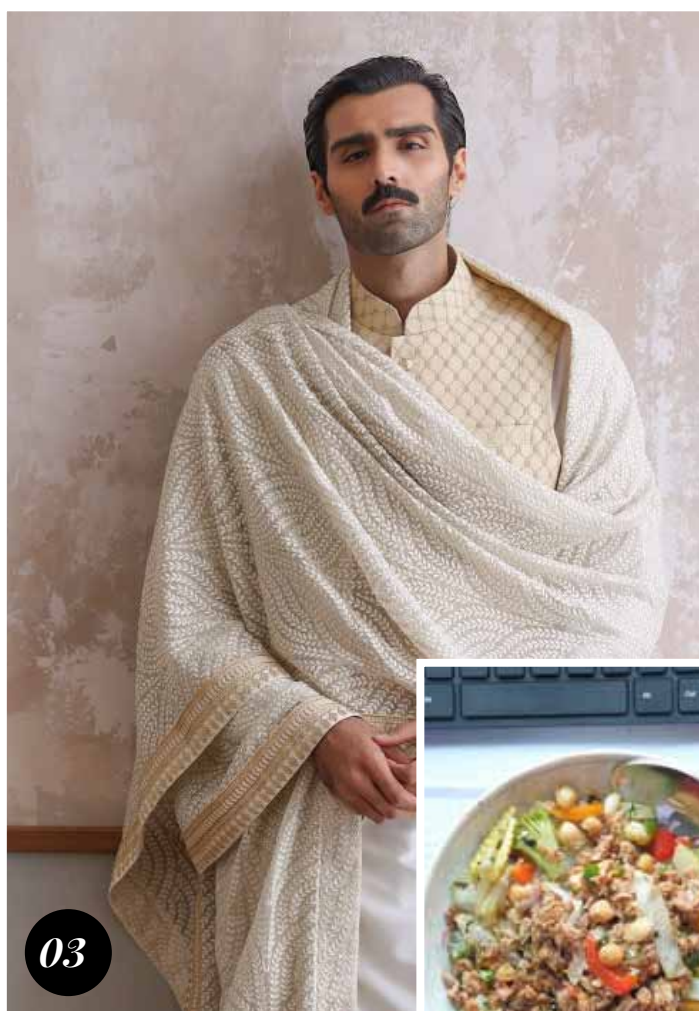
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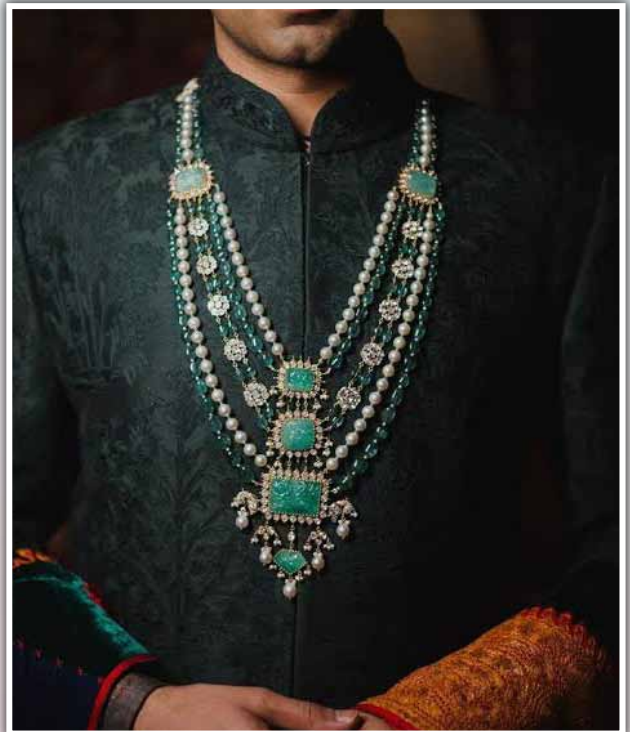
How men can raise the style quotient this festive season

Wedding season is here and you're still having the dilemma of what to wear to your best friend's wedding. There has been a huge misconception that men don't really have a lot of options to explore when it comes to traditional or formal wear. Let's just put that thought away and try to be a little creative with our ensemble and you can find lots of choices either from your own wardrobe or from your mom's. We've curated a list of accessories that you could borrow to up your style quotient this festive season and we guarantee you'll leave heads turning.



A Shawl

Everyone has at least one pair of white kurta pyjama in their closet. All you need to do is pair it with a fancy embroidered brocade, velvet or silk shawl that has been lying in your mom's wardrobe for a while. The best part about this look is that any shawl of any colour would go with a white kurta and it would surely give that regal look depending on how you drape it around yourself.



Jewellery

Even in the 21st century when gender stereotypes are to be fairly inconsiderable, men are still not expected to wear statement jewellery. Let's break the norm this wedding season and accentuate your style with a heavy pearl or brass neck piece. To balance out the bling, pair the necklace with either a solid toned sherwani or a half jacket.



Sari as a dhoti

If you're experimental and like to make an extra effort on your wardrobe, then this dhoti kurta style is a total win win for you. Team a white kurta with a vibrant dhoti. You could borrow your mom's classic banarsi sari and tie it like a dhoti while you ditch that boring pyjama. There are loads of tutorials online through which you could learn how to drape a sari as dhoti.



Vibrant Jacket

If you haven't noticed, ask your mom if she has an unstitched set of jacquard or brocade in her closet and she'd definitely have something for you. These vibrant and floral fabrics are perfect for sherwanis, half jackets and even a classic jacket. You could style them over both western and eastern attire and you're good to go at any festive event.

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Sadia Tariq Güzel

The Sadia Tariq label has developed a unique style of its own, reflecting its intricate embroideries, variety of fabrics, classic aesthetics and distinctive use of colours. This festive season Sadia Tariq has come up with yet another stunning collection, Güzel – that is dedicated to the beauty of women and the strong bond shared between generations of women. A glamorous collection wrapped in a voguish fashion world crafted with the most exquisite details layered in mesmerising hues.



Zaibunnisa

A graceful lilac full-length flared kaftan embellished gloriously with Resham , beads, and semi precious stones over the neckline and sleeves with a complimenting belt that makes it a striking ensemble for all formal festivities.

Askim

An aesthetically curated full-length pure embossed silk kaftan crafted miraculously with antique ari and tilla work over the neckline and sleeves designed to turn any festive moments magically.



Noor e Hira

Noor-e-Hira is an arctic blue chiffon saree paired with panni worked fully embellished pants. It is adorned with panni worked border all over the saree, sleeves, and belt reviving the beauty of ceremonial essence.





Hayal

Hayal is a perfect dreamy festive ensemble having pure raw silk off-white shirt alongside splendid gold zari jamawar sharara and a glorious tissue dupatta. This ensemble is exquisitely detailed with sequence and zari work along with intricately applied signature hand-painted silk. Sharara border is also embellished with sequence and tilla work along with beaded tassels on the dupatta.



Tatlim

Tatlim is a dreamy peach ombré chiffon sari paired with fully embellished raw silk sharara pants. The meticulous details using silver beads, sequence, tilla, and pearls over the sleeves, blouse, and belt showcase a perfect pastel festive outlook.

Mushk-e-Haya
Mushk-e-haya is an ice blue georgette sari kaftan crafted with lace and stone work on the neckline fused with hanging beads on the neckline and lace trim on the border radiating elegant charm and splendor.



Narang

Narang is a jacquard linen-based glinting asymmetrical style kaftan layered on a vibrant orange colour enhanced with striking embroideries over the neckline making it a must-have for your formal festivities.

5 essential items to have on your work desk

Whether you're working from home or an office, you can always amp up your working space with a couple of essentials that would not only make your working environment pleasant but would also improve your productivity. We've curated a list of items that would help you with your work efficiency and would definitely add some personality to your work space. Here's a list of things that we have curated which would improve your work environment and would boost your performance.



Wrist cushion

If your work requires extensive sitting, then you should definitely try this portable accessory and have it installed on your office desk. It's always a good idea to relax your eyes, head and most of all your mind. A wrist cushion helps you take power naps at work and is a great companion to have and would definitely boost your work efficiency.



Succulent

So this might not be something functional but a nice and small leafy plant adds a bit of personality to your work space and makes it look different. The best part about these succulents is that they don't cost much and you don't even have to be extremely careful about watering them daily since they don't wither that easily.



Headphones

To make sure that you don't get distracted easily at work by either the ambient noise or the sound of the usual office banter, you need to have a pair of nice and comfortable headphones. They would not only block the unwanted noise but can always improve your work rhythm or turn up the right music beat.



Wireless mouse

Most of the time in the midst of extensive hours at work, we tend to forget that sitting in a certain position for a long period of time could distort your body posture. To solve that, having a wireless mouse is a really good idea since it makes your PC more accessible and helps you improve your body posture.



Cutlery

For people who like to have snacks and can not work without munching, a pair of cutlery and a reusable plastic plate should always be there in their drawer. At most offices, you have to either request at the pantry to get a pair of cutlery. Save yourself from that hassle and have your own set of silver always ready at your service whenever you order food at work.

Turn your home into a bigger space with these simple tips



Living in a metropolitan can often be challenging especially if you do not have the luxury of residing in a huge mansion. People often face the problem of not having enough space in their homes and they end up feeling claustrophobic due to the lack of knowledge about how to decorate their spaces. It's 2022 and a lot of people still haven't grown out of the mindset of stuffing their homes with unnecessary furniture and an excess of art pieces. There are few decor tips, which if kept in mind, can permanently solve your problem of not having enough breathing space in your house. These interior decor ideas are really simple and wouldn't even cost you an arm and leg.

Let the natural light come in

People usually prefer having curtains with solid tones over their windows. Curtains are fine but if you're living in a small apartment with not much space then the idea of heavy brocade or jacquard curtains can pretty much eclipse the aesthetic of your house and make it look even smaller than it already is. Choose fabrics like sheer cotton, tissue or lace in hues of white, ivory or peach so that more natural light can shine in your house. This way it makes your home look brighter and more spacious than its actual size.



Install mirrors

Once you've made sure that you're getting all the sunlight that's needed, you need to double up on that by adding huge mirrors right opposite to the windows. Mirrors are a great source of light and if installed in huge sizes can literally make a room look really wide. They create the illusion of a deeper space and light that reflects over them can brighten up your entire house. This also cuts your electricity consumption to a huge extent.



Use raised furniture

Instead of opting for those heavy and stuffed sofas and couches, go for furniture that is raised on legs. Raised furniture creates a sense of space since more light can pass through each and every corner of the room including the floor as well. It lets the eye have a wider view across the room thus making it look spacious as ever.



Vibrant ceilings

Usually it's the other way around and we get to see bright walls and a white ceiling in most houses. Try doing the opposite. If you keep the ceilings vibrant in shades of yellow, mint green or lavender, it would naturally lift your vision upwards. It's a really smart way to make a place with a short ceiling look really uplifted and huge.

What to keep in mind while choosing the right handbag



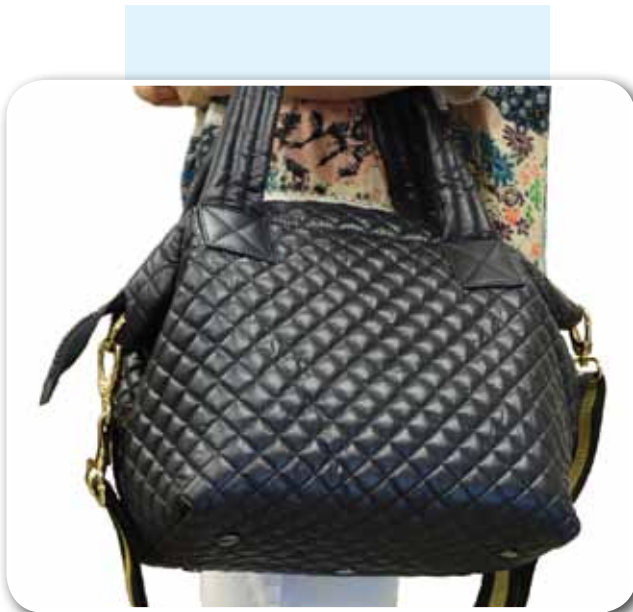
It's not too hard to fall in love with a smart and chic looking handbag that you've just set your eyes on while being on a shopping spree. But before you impulsively spend money on that handbag, there are a couple of things which need to be kept in mind. It's always an investment to buy a bag and an investment should always be made with a sane and sorted mind. There are times when you might fall for the colour or maybe the metallic details or even just the shape of the bag but that's not enough to get convinced before making that investment.

A handbag is literally part of your outfit and not just a mere accessory which is why you have to consider its functionality and not just the aesthetic value. Here are some of those things you have to consider before buying a handbag.



Size

The size of your handbag is the first and foremost thing to be kept in mind before buying it. What you need to figure out is that your current bag fits each and every thing you carry. For example, your phone, your car keys, maybe another added wallet and at times a water bottle too. In that case you should go for a sac or maybe a tote but of course you could downgrade the size and manage without some of your things then definitely go for a sleeker design.



Comfort

If you're carrying your handbag each and every day to work then you have to make sure that it's comfortable to hold. See that the straps or handle of your bag are made in such a way that you easily hold the weight on your shoulder without your arm awkwardly sticking out. If you like to carry it like a brief case, then you need to see that the handle doesn't hurt your palm if you hold it for hours.



Extra details

This has a lot to do with the weight of the bag. Avoid buying anything with chains and lots of heavy metallic details because that would only add extra burden for you to carry everywhere and you'd end being tired at the beginning of every event or party. Skip the heavy straps, zippers and brooches for a comfortable experience.



Colour

Never be impulsive with the colour while choosing your bag. If you're the sort of person who's going light on their budget and would only like to have one or maximum two handbags then go for a colour that would match each and every outfit. The best hack for that is to match it with the colour of your hair because that is something which would stay constant for the longest time. Black, brown, beige are the common picks but tea pink and navy blue would do the job too.



Design

Now when it comes to the design, the classics never go out of style. Avoid those huge rosettes or ruffles because it would be really difficult for you to pair them with most of your outfits. Rather than having those tacky 3D details, go for something classy like textures or prints like ostrich or anaconda leather since it always stays in style and you'd be glad that you invested over such classics.