

Pakistani Suits: Breezy Elegance

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With spring in the air, cool breezy Pakistani suits are a great choice for everyday and party wear. Pakistani salwar suits are not high on workmanship; the focus being on aesthetic appeal. The artistry lies in the flowing fabric and cut of the suit.

Lawn (a kind of cotton) is especially popular in spring/summer as it is thin and breezy. Voiles and soft chiffons are popular too. The cut is usually straight, with a back zip provid-

ing proper fit.

Pakistani suits may be classified into three groups.

The High-end Range: Exclusive chiffons in long, flowing jacket style with sleek, sober sequin work in the front, and a long slip of the same color and material inside. The kameez is paired this season with culottes or loose pajamas. A 21/2-meter long, lightly embroidered dupatta with a 3-inch border on all four sides completes the ensemble.

The look: Pair with heavy jewelry and high heels. The look calls for heavy makeup with the focus on a deep blush.

The Medium Range: The suits are in one solid color with subtle, same-color embroidery. The elegant creations are in chiffons, high quality chikan, bariza or aari work material. The materials are so beautiful that they speak for themselves, and need



no embroidery or embellishments. This range is ideal for middle-aged women who want to look graceful and elegant.

The look: Subtle pearl or diamond jewelry. Flat sandals and light makeup.

The Cotton Range: This range consists of cool cottons, lawns and voiles with malmaal dupatta—ideal of elegant casual wear. Dupattas are printed, but the prints are different from the suit print (although they are of the same color).

The suits and dupattas are edged with piping, lace or breed. The salwar has intricate work in crochet or lace.

The look: Casual jewelry. Pair with flats, kolhapuris or flip flops.

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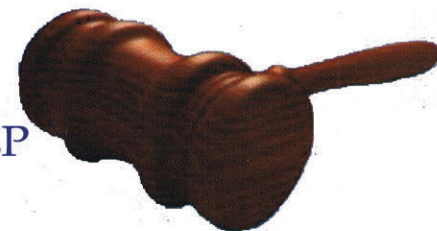
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