



Anarkali In Your Wardrobe



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flares. The panels (kalis) could begin at the shoulder, waist or from the hips. This season, the trend is to mix basic colors of the beige family- ivory, fawn, off-

white with one deep solid color like maroon, bottle green, purple, turquoise blue, burgundy etc. A new style is to tie embellished strings to the side under the bodice, so as to give more shape to the suit.

The basic fabric is light, keeping in mind the hot season- georgette or net is combined with brocade, velvet or shimmer. The suit is usually heavily embellished with embroidery in matte, gold or silver antique finish. Zircon stones are back in fashion.

The full sleeves are of net and embellished with heavy embroidery. The dupatta is of crushed material or net and has very little work on it, so that the at-

ention is not taken away from the loaded suit. The anarkali suit is always worn with a churidar with light work. A recent trend is to use stretchable lycra with elastic at the waist.

The anarkali suit is for the 20 to 40 age group and looks best on slim figured women. A lot of women now prefer to wear an anarkali suit at weddings, instead of the sari or lehnga because of its practicality and comfort.

Accessories: Wear pencil-heels in matching color.



If you must hold a purse, go with a gutchi. The suit is heavily embellished, so the only jewelry you will need is big studs.

Makeup: Focus on eye shadow. Keep your makeup light. Let your hair down.



Anarkali suits are the latest in emerging trends today. Anarkalis can be traced back to the Mughal era where women of the Mughal dynasty traditionally wore long and flared Anarkalis paired with tight fitting churidars. Today, the traditional suits have been given a modern twist, to create elaborate, high-end pieces that are perfect for weddings and parties.

The Masakali and Jodha Akbar suits are a couple of variations made famous by Bollywood movies.

Anarkali suits have a fitted bodice that turns into a frock with paneled

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