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Jewellery

Antique Indian Jewellery Style

Jewellery items that are older than 100 years and have witnessed the human evolution over these years constitute antique jewellery. The phrase “antique jewellery” is generally used to refer to previously owned jewels as well as the jewellery items crafted using earlier styles that were customarily associated with the era of yore, but it does not necessarily mean pre-worn or handed down. Antique jewels are becoming highly wanted in the modern world because of their time-worn looks, state-of-the-art workmanship, and high quality gems used as well as their one of a kind rusty look. Antique Indian jewellery can be well identified by its distinctive design, lustre and materials used. These can be typically categorized by the era to which they belong.

In the olden days, precious metals like gold, silver and platinum were very commonly used to craft the jewels to be adorned by the royals. However, the commoners still stuck to copper, alpaca, iron and aluminium. Now-a-days vintage jewellery is available in a combination of the above metals, to suit the fashion requirements as well as the pocket of the adorer.

Precious stones like sparkling rubies, lush emeralds, sapphires and crystal clear diamonds were studded to make the jewels look ornate. Also, semiprecious ones like topaz, tourmaline,

and aquamarine were used to add a tinge of colour to the jewels. However, now synthetic stones, strass, enamel, marcasite and other semiprecious stones are also being used in combination with the precious ones to make the jewels accessible to all.

There were numerous reasons as to why our ancestors wore jewellery. One of the most important being that the jewels were often used to denote one's social status. By just a glance at one's jewels one could guess the area to which the adorer belonged, his profession, marital status and much more. Also, jewels were made for special happenings like coronation ceremonies, solar and lunar eclipses, falling comets, changing seasons and even wars.

Design, Style and Users

In the by-gone era, it was the royalty who were responsible for commissioning as well as introducing new trends for different fashions. This trend was further followed diligently by the nobility and commoners. Also, the priests from temples, churches and various other religious institutions played a major role in the commissioning of jewels. There were wholly and solely responsible for designing religious antique jewels that were known to hold mystical powers sufficient to turn a petty pauper into a king and even vice-versa. Therefore, apart from the aesthetic value, the jewels were crafted to serve far superior supernatural purposes as well.

Different Antique Indian Jewellery Styles

Antique jewels can compel one to take a deep dive into the rich folklore attached to their existence. Also, their striking rustic vintage charm and vivid colours are enough to grip one's attention and never let go of it. Below are a few antique Indian jewellery styles that are still very popular:

1. Tarakashi: This unique art form developed in the late 1500s in Orissa and is a modified version of Greek Filigree work. It displays a unique combination of utility as well as beauty and is inspired from Nature. Most tarakashi designs feature intricate elements of flora and fauna in fine silver wire. Customarily a "charkha" was used to swirl out brooches, necklaces, hoops, and pendants. But now even tarakashi rings, toe-rings, anklets and hairpins are becoming highly popular because of their exclusive antiquated design.

2. Thewa: Dating back to the 16th century, the Thewa art of making jewellery is still very popular in parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat. Infusing the audacious lustre of 23K gold with festive vibrant beads, this design was first made by a Pratapgarhia goldsmith Nathu Lal

Sonewal. Soon after, it caught the eye of Maharaja Sumant Singh, during whose reign this art form flourished.

3. Pachchikam: Origination from the Kutch of Gujarat, this art form derives its name from a Gujarati word “Pachchigar” meaning a goldsmith. Pachchikam jewellery is made using soft shimmery metals preferably platinum or (now) silver. Usually, glass beads and semiprecious metals add colour to Pachchikam rings, bangles, anklets, trinkets, jhumkis and pendants.

4. Meenakari: Introduced by Raja Mansingh, this artistic jewellery form uses enamelling to amp up the aesthetic coefficient of the ornament. Typically, this art form is fairly laborious and is usually kept on lac sticks while the designs are etched on it. Later, suitable coloured enamel dust is poured into these grooves and then heated until the dust liquefies and travels all around the groove. Then, the prepared design is set in silver or gold to complete the adornment. Meenakari work of Bikaner (Rajasthan), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Kolkata is highly popular all over the world. Nathadwara’s silver meena work looks exquisite and is very popular amongst the young fashionistas.

5. Kundankari: Incorporating the extravagance of diamonds, rubies, sapphires and other gemstones, this form of art originated in the Rajasthani and Gujarati royal courts in the early 19th century. Kundan’s charm and unique claw setting are definitely hard to miss. Also, stone encrusted Kundankari jewels are often lined with vividly colourful Meena. Kundan wristlets, necklaces, earrings and anklets are even today used by modern fashion-conscious brides.

6. Jadau: Combining the elegance of Meenakari work and the extravagance of Kundankari, this form of studded jewelry looks to be lifted out directly from the Mughal era. This setting technique uses uncut diamond polkis and semiprecious stones as embellishments. Usually, gold or silver foil is wrapped around the polki to make it more glistening, while a lac framework is prepared by the Ghaarias. Then, the polki is pushed and set into the lac structure, which is then finished by using gold. Also, colourful semi-precious and precious stones are studded in Jadau jewels to make them ready for the brides.

7. Victorian: Influenced by the European style jewels brought and adorned by the British invaders, the Victorian style jewels are made using gold, platinum or silver and decorated with inexpensive garnets, corals and other commonly available materials. These articles usually bear an inimitable Anglo-Indian charm which has made them highly popular among

the Gen Y. Inexpensive Victorian brooches, bracelets and hair adornments are used by Indian girls even today.

Undoubtedly, antique Indian jewellery gels up very well with traditional attires including Saris, Salwaar Kameez, Ghagra Cholis, and Dhoti Kurtas, but it can also be mixed and matched with present-day outfits. Furthermore, antique jewels can also be very well incorporated in everyday fashion. For instance, a simple inexpensive casual Indian suit can be jazzed up with a trendy antique necklace or even a bangle or two. Similarly, Indian jewellery can even be teamed up with trendy dresses and gowns, to achieve an Indo-Western look.

Caring for Antique Indian Jewellery

To preserve the unique rustic charm of vintage jewellery, it is essential to take proper care of it. For instance extensive exposure to dust, sunlight or rain can make the jewel lose its earthy lure. Similarly, rough handling or vigorous scrubbing, brushing or washing can instantly damage it and take away its relic appeal. Therefore, it is important to store all jewellery items safely in anhydrous conditions. Remember, the phrase “the older the better” when purchasing antique jewels and collectables.

Belts

Different types of belts

Buckle belt - This is a simple strap belt with a press on the metal buckle on one end of the belt. The material of the strap may be made in leather or fabric or plastic. The buckle of this belt can be of one piece or many pieces. The buckles are usually made of an alloy of zinc and aluminium with a special plating to give it a shine or made of brass. The most favorites are in gunmetal color or antique gold. Full-grain genuine leather belts are very much valued as buckle belts.

Horseshoe buckle belt - This is a variation of the ordinary buckle – the buckle will be shaped like a horseshoe

D ring belt - This belt has two D rings attached to one of its ends. This is a very easy belt to make and wear. Thread the belt through the pant loops. Insert the other end of the belt through the rings going over the closest ring and under the second ring, locking the belt in place.

Skinny knot belt - This is usually a thin belt tied as a knot in the front of the body. The belt may have metal hardware as well. But the fastening is made with knots.

Suspender belt - Suspenders are belts used to hold the pants up. Modern suspenders were first invented in 1820 by Albert Thurston. They are worn with tuxedos and formal pants.

Cummerbund - The name literally means “to tie the stomach” (“Kamar band” in the Hindi language). It is a broad waist-covering sash worn inside tuxedos or single-breasted dinner jackets, over the shirt. A cummerbund has downward-facing pleats and is worn at the natural waist. This is used as a cover for the stomach part. Not all formal suits need a cummerbund; For eg a double-breasted suit or one with a vest inside does not need a cummerbund. The cummerbund is usually accompanied by a bow tie.

Military belt - This refers to a nylon webbing strap belt used by military personnel – mostly in neutral colours like black, Navy blue brown or khakhi; The strap is a heavy nylon webbing and the belt will have metal hardware like buckles or Sturdy plastic buckles. It is also called military webbing belt, army belt, webbing belt, nylon military belt, tactical belt.

Metal belts - These are typically worn with formal dresses/ wedding gowns. Some metal belts are fastened with chains or are made of chains as such. Some are made of filigree silver or gold or gold /silver plated metals

Hip belt - This refers to low lying belts worn loosely draping over the hips. They are typically worn by Asian brides over their wedding dress – also called hip chains.

Yoke belt - These are very wide belts that look like the yoke of a skirt. They are worn at the waist and almost extend to the hips

Cinch belt - A cinch belt is a tight fitting belt made of elastic / leather / stretchy fabric to encircle the waist tightly to make it look really small. It is fastened with a fancy buckle / clasp or laced-up. This belt can give you an hourglass figure by thinning the waist. It is not worn inside the belt loops but over it. They are usually one size fits all from waist sizes of 24-48, because of its stretching property.

Lace-up belt - These belts have eyelets and drawstrings that will fasten the belt around the waist.

Corset style belt - Another cinch belt that ties you up into a pencil thin figure whatever shape you are. You pour yourself into this belt and is laced up so tight that you will wish you were born thin or ate less – just like those Elizabethan ladies who wore real corsets every day despite the excruciating pain and discomfort.

Sash belts - A sash is a fabric / ribbon worn with dresses and gowns as a belt. It is worn draping from one shoulder to the waist for ceremonial occasions or around the waist as in the case of a sash belt. The tails of the sash belt is tied usually into a bow.

Obi belts - These are sash belts that resemble the traditional obi belts worn around Japanese Kimonos. These are also called wrap belts as they are wound around the waist at least twice and then tied into a simple knot or bow.

Braided belts - These are belts classified according to the way its strap is made – by braiding different pieces/strands of fabric or leather.

Twist belts - These are sash belts that are tied by crossing each other as in the picture above.

Bow belts - A bow belt refers to a regular belt embellished with a bow. Usually, a large bow is added to the centre front of the belt.

Peplum belts - This refers to a peplum style skirt attached to a belt worn around the waist pairing with skirts and dresses to give the advantage of figure-flattering flared hemline.

Gloves

Types of Gloves for Women

Touch Screen Gloves - Touch screen gloves or touch-capacitated gloves are wind-resistant and made for maximum functionality and agility. They are knitted using an incredibly lightweight, thin, and stretchy fabric to protect your hands from extreme temperatures.

You can text all you want during winters, and use your phone even during a heavy downpour because the touch screen gloves offer ample protection. The gloves are lined with silicone grips to protect your phone from slipping out of your hands. With these gloves, you can easily use the knuckle, fingertip, and palm of your hand while using your touch phone.

Silk Glove Liners - Among all the natural fibers, silk is one of the best insulators. Silk glove liners are the only accessory that can single-handedly give your party outfit the most royal and majestic look. They are breathable and have good wicking properties.

You can even pamper your hands after a fresh pedicure by slipping into silk glove liners. Acting as glove inserts under thick mittens and fleece gloves, these gloves are extremely delicate and soft.

While gold and silver are the most popular choices, deep maroon and copper look equally beautiful. If you're wearing a long formal dress, then wear silk gloves that go up to your elbow. Silk gloves are usually snug-fit, which makes them perfect to flaunt your delicate fingers and

slender arms. You can even try wearing a shimmering diamond or pearl ring over it to add to the regal look.

One surprising fact about silk gloves is that over time they can reduce signs of aging and hyperpigmentation on your hands. Don't believe us? Well, the science is quite simple. Plenty of research has shown that wearing raw silk significantly reduces signs of red, itchy, and pigmented skin. Silk isn't just a gorgeous fabric to wear; it is also extremely classy and soothing.

Thermal Insulation Mittens - Thermal insulation mittens are made of 50% wool and 50% nylon, one of the best fabric insulators. The added layers of deer leather palm help keep your hands warm for longer periods.

When your fingers are all frozen up and stiff, wear mittens to beat the biting cold. They keep your delicate fingers intact, cozy, and warm. Mittens aren't exactly the best choice for winter fashion, but when it comes to providing warmth, they are your best choice.

Nylon and wool are two warming materials that don't cause any time of irritation or itchiness. They're usually thin and easy-to-wear, so you can also wear multiple layers of mittens if it gets too cold. The best thing about mittens is that you can make them out of recycled materials. If you have an old hoodie, wool jacket, or [socks](#) that you're planning to chuck away, use it as mittens. Cut out the right size for your hands and attach a string at the wrist to keep them intact.

Black Leather Gloves - Leather gloves were worn by the Joker in the popular film, Batman, after which they quickly gained attention. There is nothing more alluring and enrapturing than a smooth pair of leather gloves. If you're a fan of leather, you probably anticipate the winters because that's the perfect time to flaunt leather.

Whether it's a leather jacket, a leather hat, or leather gloves, this fabric will never fail you. Not only is it super-smooth and sleek to touch; it can also give you a super-stylish and edgy look.

Leather gloves work amazingly to keep the cold. They perfectly complement your holiday fashion and look wonderful with a long winter coat.

Cycling Gloves - Cycling gloves for women have microfibers, which makes them strong and sturdy. Their pads are comfortable and conveniently slip on the fingers. Wearing these gloves during cycling protect your wrists from strains and damage.

Cycling gloves are made with a breathable, hard-wearing fabric, which makes them easy to take on and off. You can even use them to protect your knuckles and wrist during camping, hiking, or when riding an automated bike.

Skiing Gloves - If you're a fan of the sport itself, then chances are you already own skiing gloves. Skiing gloves are made of high-quality cotton, which makes them perfect for triple-insulation. Inserted with a thick fleece fabric inside, skiing gloves readily absorb sweat, while keeping your hands super-warm.

They are windproof and usually have an elastic wrist strap to fasten them nicely on your hands. Perfect for winter fishing and snow activities, they are one of the sturdiest and strongest pair of gloves you will find.

Fingerless Gloves - Fingerless gloves are essentially worn for sun protection. They are lightweight, thin, and stretchable, adding an edge of comfort. Fingerless gloves are made of cooling fabric that blocks the sun rays while making your hands agile when using your mobile or touch screen.

Fingerless gloves are also a good choice for outdoor leisure time. Wear them when you're out for gardening, a thrilling ride, or even some fun hiking.

Fingerless gloves are a little bit different from wrist warmers. They are the difference between the simple and feisty fashion. While wrist warmers partially cover your palm and the entire length of your wrist, fingerless gloves have cut-out finger shapes that look absolutely chic.

If you're into the "good girl gone bad" concept, fingerless gloves in dark colors can really bring a feisty personality. They are also more practical than normal gloves because the fingers are still exposed.

Many people don't wear gloves because they make it difficult to perform certain tasks. For example, if you want to operate your touchphone, you may need to take off your gloves. Fingerless gloves, on the other hand, not only keep your hands warm but also allow agility and convenience.

Christmas Gloves - Christmas gloves intricately knitted and hand-sewn. They are a good choice for a festive, holiday fashion, which is why Melania Trump chose to wear them, right when she began decorating a Christmas tree.

No matter how low the temperatures get, Christmas gloves will always keep you warm. They are versatile and retain their quality even after the toughest washes. Being slightly thicker, they keep the spaces between your fingers extra-warm.

Traditionally knitted by hand, so you can also get your initials or an attractive holiday pattern stitched into it. While black and grey are the most commonly worn shades, navy blue and maroon look lovely too.

You can feel the chunky knits and cashmere-soft texture of these wonderful gloves. They're easy to wear and take-off and keep out the roughest of colds. These gloves are knitted by hand, so you can gift them to a loved one.

Button Gloves - Button gloves are tailor-made for every-day winter wear. Even when button gloves aren't really a popular choice, they can easily help you pull off a stylish urban look if paired with the right outfit.

You'll probably be a fan of these if we told you they're Meghan Markle's favorite. Button gloves are traditionally hand-knitted and therefore extremely soft. They look extremely appealing in shades of grey, brown, green, and camel.

If you've been facing allergies or irritations between your fingers and on your hands lately, then button gloves are a wonderful choice. The material is not only calming against the skin but will also keep your hands warm and snug.

Elastic Velvet Gloves - Velvet gloves are known for their regal soft touch. They are elastic, stretchable, and breathable. They are the most stylish and chic winter accessory, velvet gloves perfectly complement the Christmas theme.

If you're ever invited to a costume holiday party or are planning to host a festive dinner yourself, make sure to sport a pair of velvet gloves. They're not just the softest and smoothest to touch but also look gorgeous in a short dress.

Arm Warmers - Sometimes a simple fashion choice can make you look elegant; a pair of jeans, a favorite side-cross-bag, or a pair of simple wrist warmers can look absolutely lovely.

The easy-to-wear wrist warmers keep the delicate part of your arms super-warm and cozy. If you're feeling fancy, you can stick a few sparkly beads on your wrist warmers and wear them outside.

The best thing about a pair of simple wrist warmers is that they complement every outfit – from a simple sweatshirt and jeans to a fancy dress.

Wrist warmers are the perfect choice for those not-so-cold winter days when the breeze is gentle enough to stroll the streets.

Driving Gloves - Driving gloves give your hands superior control over the wheel of the car. You have more grip and agility, which can make driving on the highways a super-fun experience. By preventing your hands from sweating and getting oily, they also help you preserve the wheel.

Driving gloves can make the job extremely easy even during extreme temperatures. And above all, they give off a daredevil look and are extremely stylish.

Weightlifting Gym Gloves - If you're a rough and tough girl who likes to work out frequently, then weightlifting gym gloves are your ideal workout accessory. Wear them on your trip to the gym or any high-intensity workout. They give you a strong grip over objects, protect your hands from injuries, and help increase your muscle mass.

Don't try to lift heavy things without a comfy pair of gym gloves. They can protect your hands from strains and help them maintain a good posture. As they are made from thick cotton pads, they keep your hands safe from dangerous impact.

Faux Fur Gloves - Faux fur gloves usually have the main material around the wrist of the glove. The fur trim gives off quite a cozy look and is perfect to pair with a formal party dress. Although you may need thicker gloves to beat the harsh winter spells, faux fur gloves are ideally worn during temper climes.

You can pair them up with a draping cape coat or a long trench coat. These gloves are both sophisticated and fancy.

Fish Neon Gloves - Fingerless fishnet gloves are perfect to wear for those indoor, cozy parties in the winter. You can conveniently wear them when the temperatures are pleasant. They're super-thin and woven with a delicate net giving off an alluring yet elegant look. Thinnet gloves can be paired with a long cock-trail dress or can be worn over a formal skirt and blouse.

They have fishnet cutouts and perfect holes for your fingers and thumbs to stick out. Giving off an 80s vibe, fishnet gloves are wonderful for enhancing your costume style. You can wear them for dance events and retro parade celebrations.

They are stretchable and glow in the dark, making them perfect for Halloween.

White Parade Gloves - White costume gloves are worn by women participating in royal parades, funerals, and other royal services. If you're a fan of the Macy's Day Parade or wish to join a marching band to express your patriotism, then white parade gloves are an excellent choice.

So, here it is – all the different types of gloves for women that you could possibly find. Pair all these gloves with just about any look and people will love you for your unique, stylish taste.

Types of Gloves for Men

Winter Gloves - The most common use of winter gloves is to protect the hands from cold. Continuous exposure to the cold can result in frostbite, which is a very dangerous condition that causes the fingers to freeze and fall off. Winter gloves are specifically designed to withstand the cold and sometimes are also waterproof. If your hands get damp, it can increase the likelihood of your fingers freezing.

Heavy-Duty Winter Gloves - Heavy-duty winter gloves are commonly used by men living in extremely cold climates, as well as skiers and mountain climbers. These heavy-duty gloves ensure that you will be safe from dangerous like frostbite which can be really painful for your fingers. In severe cases, frostbite can result in the loss of the finger entirely.

Touch Screen Gloves - Nowadays, such gloves have been re-invented to be compatible with touch screens. Previously, people had to take off their gloves in the extreme cold just to use their devices. Even a few seconds of exposure to extreme cold can damage the nerves in your fingers. You can now get gloves that protect your hands from the cold and enable you to use your devices in peace.

Fur-Lined Gloves - Fur-lined gloves are also common among men. A lot of men don't prefer simple woolen mittens since they may seem informal or casual. Mittens may also not provide sufficient protection against the cold. Leather gloves lined with fur protect the hands against the cold, and they look really stylish on men. Leather also lasts longer, which means that it is a more cost-effective purchase than other types of gloves.

Protective Gloves - Protective gloves are designed to protect the hands from extreme temperatures, sharp objects, and burns. They are usually heat and cold resistant and are commonly used by men during manual labor. They need to be long-lasting and reliable since they have to withstand a lot of rough use every single day.

Protective gloves also provide a significant guard from harmful chemicals that can damage the skin. They are mostly made with canvas and leather since such material can withstand

cold and hot temperatures well. These materials are also most likely to protect the hands from any shrapnel or metal since they are strong. Such gloves have been made compulsory in factories, construction sites, and other places with manual labor since they have such a significant role in worker safety.

Driving Gloves - Driving gloves were used when steering wheels were originally made from wood. Splinters could often hurt the fingers and polished wood could cause the grip to slip. They have become a staple for professional drivers on racetracks since they assist in gripping the steering wheel better.

Such drivers also drive for extended periods at a time, so driving gloves serve the function of protecting the hands from calluses and bruises. A lot of luxury car owners also use driving gloves since they prevent damage to the soft leather on the steering wheel and maintain the grip.

Military Fingerless Gloves - Fingerless gloves have no fingers or are cut from the first joint of the glove. These gloves are mainly used to protect the hands from harm and provide significant dexterity for the fingers. Police snipers and military persons are specially instructed to wear fingerless gloves since they need to press the trigger with their fingers at a moment's notice.

Armed individuals need to be able to move their fingers freely and protect their hands while in the field. These gloves allow policemen to do their job without worries. These gloves are also popular among bikers, hunters, police snipers, military persons, photographers, fishermen, and many others.

Daywear Leather and Suede Gloves - Daywear gloves are usually made with really high-quality leather or suede. They fit snugly and are usually really thin gloves. They are often worn by men who are wearing business or formal attire during the day for any event. They aren't usually worn during the summer months.

Leather or suede daywear gloves are usually worn for really formal events, but men may also wear them if they are concerned about germs. You will spot a lot of men wearing daywear gloves in public transportation where they have to touch handrails, railings, knobs, and poles. It is a great way to protect oneself from unnecessary exposure to germs.

Surgical/Medical Gloves - Medical gloves are disposable gloves that a lot of surgeons, nurses, and doctors use. They are mainly used to prevent any possible transmission of diseases through patients and healthcare professionals. Medical gloves are sterile, and they prevent any damage to the skin during an examination.

Surgical gloves have better precision in sizing and are often made with higher standards. This is because surgeries are very delicate processes that need to be handled carefully. If the glove is loose, it may cause a deadly mistake during the surgery.

Golf Gloves - Golf gloves have a lot of functions, but one of the main reasons is the grip. These gloves give a good grip to sweaty palms, keep the hands dry when it's raining, and create the much-needed friction to excel at the game. Holding the golf club too tightly and repeating the swing can also cause calluses and blisters. Golf gloves keep golf players safe from experiencing blisters on their hands.

Gardening Gloves - If you like gardening, you need a good pair of gardening gloves to protect your hands. Repeated exposure to mud and water can damage the skin and nails of your hands. During gardening, people prick their fingers on thorns or splinters. It is also really important that your hands are protected from any kind of cuts as they can become infected due to the soil and germs.

Any soil-borne harmful bacteria, animal waste, or chemicals will not harm your hands if you are wearing a sturdy pair of gardening gloves. Wearing these gloves is a cost-effective way to protect your hands.

Convertible Gloves - Fingerless gloves may let you use your phone when you wish but otherwise don't do much to protect you from the cold. The convertible gloves allow you to protect your whole hand while you are in the cold; you can convert the gloves to fingerless when you want to use your phone. This makes it really easy for runners who want to change their music while on a jog in the cold.

Food Servicing Gloves - Food servicing gloves are really important for food quality and public health. Failure to use such gloves increases the risk of illnesses and diseases. Anyone who has to prepare food with their hands should use gloves in order to ensure that the food is safe from any sort of bacteria. Wearing gloves while handling food is one of the best ways to prevent harm to public health.

Weightlifting Gloves - It is also really important for weightlifters to wear weightlifting gloves. They provide a better grip for weights, which makes it less likely for the weight to fall and hurt someone. These gloves also prevent sweat from making the weight slippery. They are also more comfortable to workout with since the cold metal weight isn't particularly inviting. Weightlifting gloves also provide considerable support for the wrist.

Scarves

Different types of scarves

Cotton scarves - Thin printed or plain cotton like voile is used to make pretty scarves. Because of the lightweight nature of these fabrics, they are great as a summer accessory. They stay in place and are great for tying in various styles.

Chiffon scarves - Chiffon fabric is lightweight, drapery, thin – all the better to tie around the neck without any bulk. You can add trims like lace at the short ends alone or all along the four sides

Net scarves - Net fabrics are ideal for making scarves. You will have to choose fine and smooth net fabric like tulle instead of scratchy synthetic nets. Trims like sequins, chains or laces can be added to the edges.

Silk Scarves - Silk is an expensive choice for scarves but they have a luxurious aura. Hand-painted silk scarves are much in demand and carry a premium.

Cashmere scarves - This is the ultimate in luxury. It is difficult to get hold of original cashmere shawls.

Velvet scarves - Velvet is a heavy thick fabric with pile so using the whole width of the fabric as a scarf is absolutely not a good idea. Thin tube scarves in velvet are ideal.

Plaid scarf - Plaid is a type of woolen fabric with a tartan chequered pattern. It is a great scarf to wear in winter.

Bandana scarf - A bandana is a square piece of printed cotton with a nice border and interesting prints. It is quite small for full coverage as a scarf but many wear it around the neck in novel ways.

Chequered fabric scarf - A chequered pattern is one of the most sought after patterns other than the tartan pattern for scarves worn by men.

Hand knitted woolen scarf - Scarves are carefully hand knitted in many shapes and sizes before winter. Nothing like a woolen scarf to ward off cold.

Scarves with contrast borders - Whatever fabric you use you can decorate it with contrasting fabric stitched on the borders for a dramatic effect.

Crinkled crepe Scarves - Crinkled or crushed fabric has a depth which makes it good for scarves of solid colors. Add fringe trims for more texture.

Scarves with tassels - Tassels or pompoms are added along the scarf edge for a colourful and interesting look.

Animal Print Scarf - Animal prints are very very popular in scarf fashion.

Fleece scarf - Fleece is a fabric which is quite thick and as it does not fray it is quite easy to make a scarf out of this fabric.

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