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Accessorizing perfectly is more than half the battle won! Our guest columnist **RICHA GOYAL SIKRI**'s pointers will help you to pick out the perfect shade of ensemble to pair with your precious gem-set jewellery. Work these trends to make a visually arresting statement.

'Never wear emeralds with green, they look so much better with pink,' Maharani Gayatri Devi's grandmother, Chimnabai, probably never imagined how her advice would impact an entire generation trying to pair coloured gemstones with one's attire.

Which shade of pink did she mean? If you wear an emerald with a pale peach, or a lovely yellow (my personal favourite), the effect is gorgeous.

Pair the same emerald with a fuchsia or a deeper shade of pink and the results may be embarrassing.

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Ring by Kanjimull Jewellews set with Gemfields Zambian cabochon emerald.



●●● Amit Aggarwal



●●● Jet Gems earrings set with Gemfields Mozambican rubies.



●●● Rouland Mouret



●●● Gem Plaza gold necklace with Gemfields Mozambican rubies and diamonds.



●●● Gucci



●●● Adler ruby earrings

Matching a coloured gem with the diverse colour palette of Indian fashion may seem quite daunting, but worry not. The possibilities of teaming gems with ensembles are endless. The ruby necklace or earring may look complementary when worn with a purple or a yellow outfit, and bold when worn with a green one! Moreover, the impact of light on a coloured gemstone is significant to consider.

For example, rubies display a deeper, livelier shade of red, dancing in the incandescent light at an evening soiree. Conversely, emeralds come alive under the fire of the day. They hypnotise you with their unique inclusions and radiance that emanates from every fragment of their being, which only serves to further add to their noble character.

With every hue you encounter, whether in gems or fashion, there will be complementary and contrasting colours. For example, the Mandarin Garnet has recently become very popular, with brands like Louis Vuitton using it in their high-jewellery collection, but that deep orange colour can be challenging to pair. While yellow and red would naturally be a good fit, dare to wear an orange gem with a blue outfit for a spectacular effect.



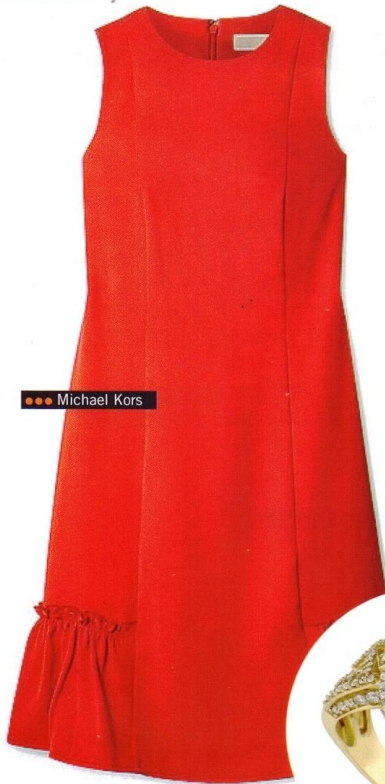
●●● Gauri and Nainika



●●● Wisteria yellow gold studs set with white diamonds, citrine, spessartite and pearls, by Sarah Ho



●●● Halston Heritage



●●● Michael Kors

While contemplating colours of the sun, let's not forget the myriad of yellow-coloured diamonds, topaz, and yellow sapphires that dot our jewelled universe. My recommendation for the family of yellow-hued gems would be, deep orange, red, and turquoise blue attires. For the more adventurous, try a violet!

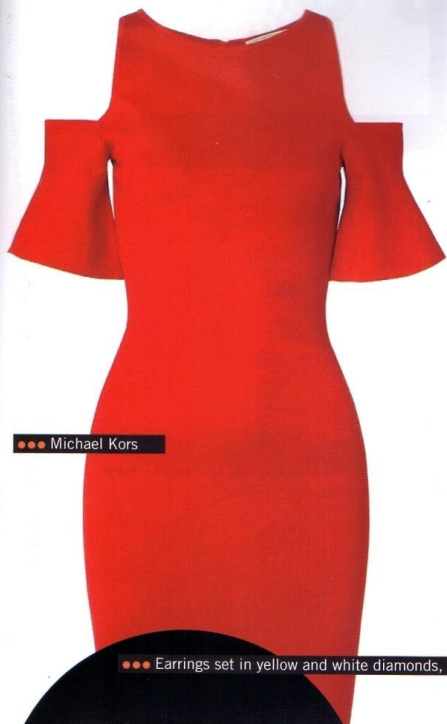
While the various permutations, combinations seem exciting, let's also remain cognisant of what will look best on our skin tone. Colours of Paraiba tourmaline, certain shades of Colombian emeralds, aquamarines, and brighter pink sapphires will only suit ladies who have a cooler and fairer skin tone. Deeper hued gems work better for ladies that have a warm undertone. Another important point, specific gems such as rubies, spinel, red garnet, and red tourmaline look best in incandescent light. The yellow light will always make red gems appear more attractive.



●●● Le Vian's Mandarin garnet necklace



●●● Mandarin Garnet gold ring, by Le Vian



Michael Kors



Valentino



Diane von Furstenburg



Circular yellow diamond posts suspend a foliar motif in white diamonds, by Gehna



Earrings set in yellow and white diamonds, by Savaab.



White gold necklace fashioned with radiant-cut yellow diamonds, white round and pear diamonds, by Graff

Outfits curated by Dipika Israni Panjabi of DI Public Relations.

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But what about the ever-growing family of blues? Pull out your tanzanite, kyanite, aquamarines and blue sapphires on those foggy, overcast, grey days and watch how they twinkle in the white and grey light. Aquamarines in particular look lovely in the evening under artificial lights.

Now that we have understood the impact of light, skin tone and colour combinations, let's talk location. A beautiful, warm coloured ruby purchased in Bangkok, which is closer to the equator, will become darker when it travels north to a city like London, New York or even foggy Delhi in winter. The solution is being aware of where you are likely to wear it the most and accordingly select a brighter or deeper colour. Important to remember when packing for those destination weddings!



●●● Platinum ring set with a 10.25-carat cushion-cut Sri Lanka vivid royal blue sapphire and diamonds, by Picchiotti



●●● Sapphire Marquis and diamond earrings, by Sutra



●●● White gold earrings dressed with aquamarines and white diamonds, by de Grisogono



●●● White gold earrings set with oval sapphires and round diamonds, by Picchiotti



●●● Gold earrings set with Gemfields Zambian emeralds and diamonds, by Narayan Jewellers by Ketan & Jatin Chokshi



●●● Gold earrings set with pear-cut Gemfields Zambian emeralds, by House of Meraki



●●● Ring by Rosentiques set with Gemfields Mozambican rubies and diamonds.



●●● 18-karat white gold ring set with a triangular rose-cut diamond with a surround of baguettes, further lined with oval rubies and round diamonds, by Asian Star

The #1 trend in jewellery today is colour. Step outside the box, dig deep into your jewellery drawers, or when all else fails, go on a shopping spree to bring colour back in your life. Each gemstone is exceptional, no two rubies will have the same shade of red, just like every woman is distinctive. What may be a perfect colour of an emerald for one person, may not be the preference of another. Each is unique, created under rare circumstances, but when polished and cut through its journey of life, grows into a beautiful gem that brings radiance, light and romance to our world.