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These designers-**Namrata Narula**, **Kanika Behl**, **Deepa Panchamia** and **Tanvi Kant**-go beyond fabric obvious-ness and create fun-filled fashion usables that are breathtaking and really, really hard to resist, says **P S Bhavana**

Tanvi Kant

UK-based designer-cum-lecturer-cum-artist from Nottingham Trent University has a way with "reclaimed textiles"-old saris, cut-offs scarves and more. They come surprisingly alive in a dainty way through her unobtrusively funky, knotted, twisted, binded and stitched jewellery. She makes each piece painstakingly by hand and, of course, takes time to actualise them if you order.

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Tanvi Kant



Namrata Narula

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Rejected canvas, salwaar pieces, junked shirt collars or discarded jeans become the base materials for her creations. This dynamic textile designer from Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology, Bangalore is all about upcycling and recycling. Let's say her items, which are edgy and colourful, are simultaneously versatile and daily-wear with no snobbish, high-end airs.

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Kanika Bahl

A young girl thought big after she graduated in textile designing from NID, Ahmedabad. When in Pune with her husband Vivek Agarwalla, out popped 'Anek Designs', a warm, peppy and earthy label that focused on handcrafted accessories and décor. 'Traditional yet funky' is a phrase that best describes her creations. You can choose from bauble jewellery (truly ingenious and wild), hip key chains, Indo-chic mobile phone holders, sunny stoles, warm cushions and more.

Images courtesy anekdesigns on Facebook



Kanika Bahl



Deepa Panchamia

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Unfortunately, it is not India but London that houses this marvelous Issey Miyake-esque brain. Textile artist Deepa creates wearable fabric sculptures and installations that are mind blowing. Pleats, weaves, tucks, gathers, tugs and pulls get a new, three-dimensional definition in her hands. All her molded, reconstructed and deconstructed stuff is created in the frameworks of space and budget.

Immensely adorable are her pleated, white ballerina shoes!

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