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—RAHUL KHANNA



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:
Runway look by Rajesh Pratap Singh; Farhan Akhtar; runway look by Bottega Veneta, Ayushmann Khurrana; Steve McQueen; Rahul Khanna

a skinny fit.
Maneka Harisinghani: Classic straight fit jeans will suit any body type, so you can blindly pick one for yourself.
Miss Malini: It’s all about that base! While trying on a pair of jeans, pay attention to the fit on the hips and the butt.

D) Dress pants
Maneka Harisinghani: When in doubt, opt for tailored black pants that fit you well.
Miss Malini: The length of the legs are important and that’s where most men get it wrong. The hem has to touch the mouth of the shoes and not drown it.
Samant Chauhan: The fabric is the most important thing while shopping for pants. Opt for wool, rayon or polyester blends.

E) Ties
Miss Malini: Stay away from pop prints if you aren’t sure—you need to have the personality to match it.
Maneka Harisinghani: A solid-coloured, broad silk tie is a versatile piece that can be paired with any outfit.
Manou: Whatever you pick, it shouldn’t be too loud.

STEP 4—MAKE USE OF YOUR WINTER WARDROBE IN SPRING
Miss Malini: Make use of light-knit fabrics in

tees and jackets. Scarves and moccasins are the best weapons in your arsenal of transitional dressing.
Maneka Harisinghani: You can spruce things up by pairing a light cardigan with a check shirt and bright shorts along with moccasins.
PS Bhavana: Fine-knit crewneck sweaters or cardigans can be worn over your shirts or tees to beat the artificial chill of air cons in conference rooms.
Samant Chauhan: Wear cotton pullovers and Nehru jackets through spring.

STEP 5—BE MINDFUL OF YOUR COLOUR GAME

Miss Malini: Avoid red pants. They’re not everyone’s cup of tea. Try out mustard yellow and dark tones of green. These are chic yet masculine. More universal options are versions of deep blue, indigo and ink.
Maneka Harisinghani: Avoid very bright pink tones. You could start experimenting more with bold colours such as bright orange and wine red, though.
Manou: Style is very subjective. If pink, orange and yellow are your thing, go for it. I personally like black, grey and white. They’re probably the safest and simplest options. Try what you like and go for the colours that suit your mood and are an

extension of your personality.
PS Bhavana: Ideally, most men should avoid top-to-toe neutrals or pops and neons. Whites, blacks and cousins of beige (in that order) are a must in any form. Try muted hues without fear, but break them with brights. Pink—if you rock it with masculine or minimalistic style lines, it can create magic.
Samant Chauhan: Neon colours don’t look good on most guys. Avoid the usual suspects like white, grey and black. Play with colour!

STEP 6—KEEP AN EYE ON SPRING/ SUMMER’S BIGGEST TRENDS

Maneka Harisinghani: Denim all the way—it’s basic yet versatile and can be styled in numerous ways. For extra edge triple your denim game with a denim shirt paired with jeans and a denim jacket and boots.
Manou: One of my favourite looks is a short, half-sleeved, solid-colour tailored jacket over a shirt—I saw that at Poco and Jacky’s collection at Lakmé Fashion Week. Wear it with tailored pants.
Miss Malini: This summer is all about indigo as documented by Rajesh Pratap Singh’s Blue Blood. We suggest you play the trend strong with a pair of deep indigo trousers balanced with a light grey light-knit cotton tee and an oxblood belt. Or play cool with a white slim tee and denim shorts with a patent leather

backpack. If you want to make a statement, find an ink splatter printed shirt and team that with a pair of joggers—which are the coolest thing on the streets right now!
PS Bhavana: Ethno-chic is big right now. You could club a bullet (*kurta*-style) shirt with a linen blazer, easy pants and slip-ons. Another option is a long, solid-coloured *kurta* with slim-cut denims and strappy leather sandals.
Samant Chauhan: There’s this interesting trend I’ve spotted where you match your shoe laces to your tie!

STEP 7: FIND STYLE INSPIRATION

Miss Malini: Rahul Khanna has great control on the classics. He tells us, “I’ve always loved old movies and my style has been influenced by the leading men of the ’50s and ’60s like Cary Grant, Steve McQueen and Paul Newman. I tend to gravitate towards understated, classic tailoring and am particular about small details like fit and proportion.” Ayushmann Khurrana always has fun with clothes in his films and in real life. He tells us, “For me style/fashion is like a mood swing. I wear my mood. If I’m pensive I stick to basics, and if I’m full of energy I may go slightly radical with my outfit.”
Maneka Harisinghani: Ranveer Singh knows how to take educated fashion risks. I love the fact that he’s experimenting right now and

that he brings a fresh vibe with every new look he tries.
Manou: I mostly like the styles of characters from films. Guys like Gregory Peck, Paul Newman, Bob Dylan, David Byrne and Ben Whishaw are cool and I like them for their confidence.
PS Bhavana: Farhan Akhtar has an easy-going style which is true to himself as he opts for toned-down and earthy looks suiting his intellectual personality.
Samant Chauhan: I personally like Amitabh Bachchan’s style because he’s been able to carry off all kinds of clothes and always look good.

STEP 8: LEARN THE RULES OF GOOD STYLE

Miss Malini: Keep your outfits simple but strong, always smell incredibly sexy and pull your socks up!
PS Bhavana: Avoid bragging visually through your clothes. Invest in a set of structured formal, semi-formal and sporty-casual silhouettes with perfect fits and cuts. Let the focus lie on the fabrics in all ensembles rather than surface decorations.
Maneka Harisinghani: Always know your fit, keep it classic, but be experimental from time to time.
Manou: You’ve got to be well-groomed, that’s

probably most important. Once you’ve got that covered just be confident and keep a straight back!
Samant Chauhan: Your shoes should always be sparkly clean and polished. Stop avoiding important accessories like ties, belts, and cufflinks. Always carry a pair of aviators in your travel bag.

STEP 9—CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE NOW READY TO IMPRESS WOMEN. READ ON...

Maneka Harisinghani: Any woman would fall for a guy in a black tuxedo. It is a classic outfit that completes a man.
Manou: By wearing something simple, well-fitted and well-pressed! Extra points if it’s clean.
Miss Malini: It’s about not trying too hard: Show up in a heavily printed shirt and some overpowering cologne and she’s not going to give you a second look. A crisp white slim-fit shirt and dark wash jeans could work wonders, but don’t forget to splash on a little sexy, subtle cologne.
PS Bhavana: Any silhouette or look, as long as it is worn with steely confidence, will impress a woman.
Samant Chauhan: Every woman’s got different taste but what matters more than anything else is how you present yourself. **M**