

DESIGN CAPSULE · INDIA 2026-28

# Design Capsule: Festive made easy

Pre-draped sarees, embroidered co-ords, kaftans and light lehengas that look festive without the effort.

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# Mood and colour

**Emerald**  
18-5845 TCX  
#0F6B4F

**Deep wine**  
19-1940 TCX  
#6E1F33

**Sapphire**  
19-4050 TCX  
#1F4E9C

**Champagne gold**  
14-0935 TCX  
#D8C08A

Pantone TCX (cotton) codes are the nearest match to the screen colour; confirm against a physical Pantone book and lab dips before production.

**Why?** Busy schedules and many functions per wedding mean shoppers want looks they can put on in minutes and wear more than once.

**What?** Festive dressing gets easier: ready-to-wear sarees, embroidered kurta co-ords, fusion kaftans, cape lehengas and lighter organza for sangeet, plus fit-and-flare Anarkalis that suit most occasions.

## Who's showing it?

- **Satya Paul:** Fluid sarees styled for the office
- **Abraham & Thakore:** Sari-inspired silhouettes, printed co-ords and kaftans
- **Verandah:** Breezy, resort-style separates

# Key pieces

Forecut flat sketches with reference photos, ready to brief into design.



## Pre-draped saree gowns

RISING

Ready-to-wear sarees with stitched pleats and a fixed pallu, worn in minutes.

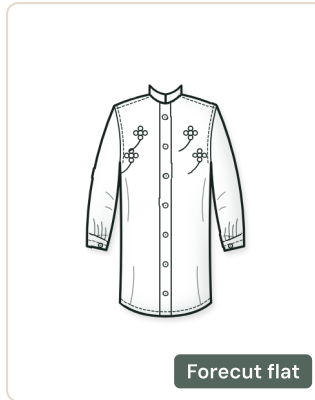
Festive 26  
Rising

Summer 27  
Peaking

Festive 27  
Peaking

Summer 28  
Peaking

Festive 28  
Fading



## Embroidered kurta co-ord sets

RISING

Matching kurta and trousers with coordinated embroidery.

Festive 26  
Rising

Summer 27  
Peaking

Festive 27  
Peaking

Summer 28  
Peaking

Festive 28  
Fading



## Cape lehengas

RISING

Lehengas with a cape-style dupatta or overlay.

Festive 26  
Rising

Summer 27  
Peaking

Festive 27  
Peaking

Summer 28  
Peaking

Festive 28  
Fading



## Light organza lehengas

RISING

Airy organza lehengas for sangeet and day functions.

Festive 26  
Rising

Summer 27  
Peaking

Festive 27  
Peaking

Summer 28  
Peaking

Festive 28  
Fading



Forecut flat

## Fit-and-flare Anarkalis

PEAKING

Flattering, comfortable Anarkalis that suit most occasions.

Festive 26  
Peaking

Summer 27  
Peaking

Festive 27  
Peaking

Summer 28  
Peaking

Festive 28  
Peaking



## Organza dupattas with embroidered borders

PEAKING

Sheer dupattas framed with an embroidered edge.

Festive 26  
Peaking

Summer 27  
Peaking

Festive 27  
Fading

Summer 28  
Fading

Festive 28  
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# Price guide (India)

| KEY GARMENT              | VALUE        | MID            | PREMIUM  |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Pre-draped saree         | ₹1,999–3,999 | ₹5,000–12,000  | ₹25,000+ |
| Embroidered kurta co-ord | ₹1,499–2,999 | ₹3,500–8,000   | ₹18,000+ |
| Cape or organza lehenga  | ₹3,999–7,999 | ₹12,000–35,000 | ₹75,000+ |

Cost to make: Medium. Stitched drapes and capes add pattern work. Keep embroidery to placement areas and reuse one base silhouette across colours.

## How to build the capsule

- Offer the hero festive look in a pre-draped or co-ord version.
- Add capes and organza dupattas as add-ons to sell up.
- Show three ways to wear each piece across wedding functions.

Sources: Lakmé Fashion Week 2026 coverage; Lashkaraa colour and silhouette trends 2026; Aza Fashions, ethnic trends 2026.