

## Style Files: Understanding accessories in 2018

*Stocking up your vanity box with some chic pieces for this year? Here's what to get your hands on.*

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### Wrap it tight

•Light, effortless wraps of different kinds can be used to add a pop of colour to your outfit and make it look chic. Fabric waist belts have been a particularly popular choice to help upgrade a simple top. Use this accessory to accentuate your waist, revamp your look and combine different trends together (the belt can be velvet or plaid) without trying too hard.

•Don't rule out scarves too! Just like waist belts, light fabric, multicoloured, printed, and embroidered scarves can help bring in some contrasting texture to your whole look. Not just your apparel, but your scarves can follow the general trends too – plaid, organza, fur, velvet, floral, there are only so many options to choose from and more fun ways to wrap them around.

### Eye game strong

•Go for cute tinted eye shades to protect your eyes from the scorching beams, but with style! This could match your shoes, bag, and outfit, or set a striking contrast that would make your whole look appear interesting, to say the least.

### Walk a mile

•Love them or hate them, transparent heels are a fashion-forward update to add to your wardrobe. These shoes can make even the simplest of your looks seem classy and chic, and will add a certain femininity to it.  
 •Bejewelled footwear is what you need to make a head-turning appearance, be it weddings or parties. Add a few embellishments on the toes, remember to keep it subtle, and you're all set.  
 • Fluffy footwear started gaining momentum at the end of last year, so even though we are not absolutely crazy about this trend, we are expecting to see quite a bit of it for at least the first half of the year. If you want to get on-board, good for you, grab a pair or two of fur slip ons, or dress shoes. If not, you don't have to bother, as this fad might soon fade out.

### Bag 'em!

•The Pantone colour academy has named Ultra Violet as its colour of the year, so this shade is expected to be seen on every runway, red carpet and street this year. Invest in accessories and timeless pieces in this gorgoeus shade, so you can easily blend this shade in and out of your looks.  
 •Statement accessories are not going anywhere, obviously, but the kind of statement they ought to make is what one needs to focus on. Mix and match your earrings, each in a different design, or colour, because earrings are about to get real funky this year! Go for stone and multilayer neckpieces. Also, when it comes to ear pieces, the longer, the better.

