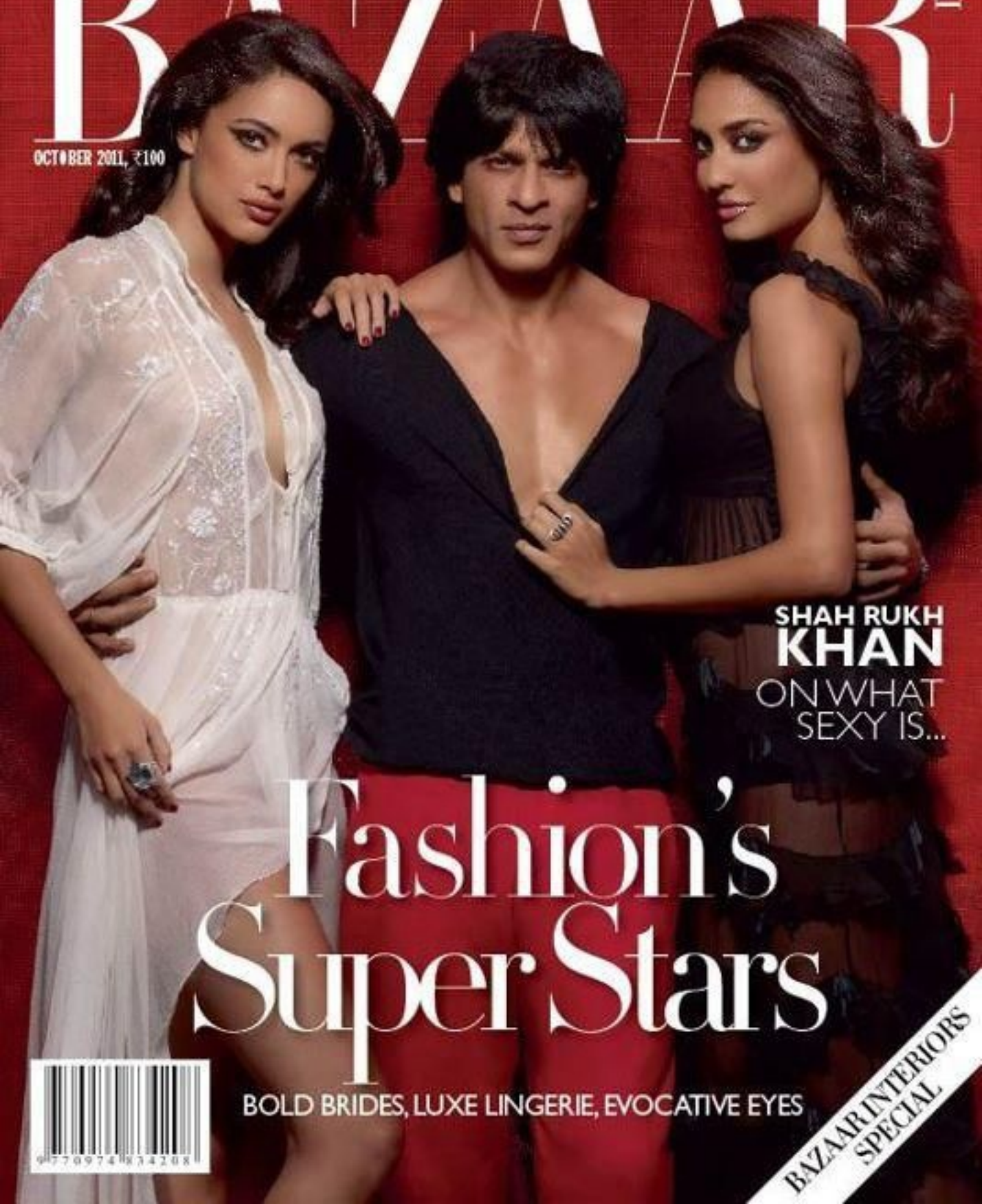


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TROUSSEAU TALK

Blogger *MALINI AGARWAL* of
Miss Malini shares the secrets of a
STRESS-FREE wedding

Hello ladies! So here I am, telling you all about how to put together your wedding trousseau. And what qualifies me to do this? Well, that's the point. Absolutely nothing. Which means if I can do it, anybody can!

There are many different ways to do this. You can start a scrapbook when you're five (à la Monica from *Friends*), or be the last-minute-bride like me. There really are no wrong answers, but in my opinion, here are some hassle-free ones.

First, get a wedding planner (you may think you can do it *allyourself*, but there are a million things you'll wish you could have delegated). So call mine—Marry Me—The Wedding Planners (www.marrymeweddings.in) whose Candice and Jarret are awesome (and married!). They set up hair and makeup trials, arrange fittings, source jewellery, and even assist in trousseau shopping.

It's all about you. It's perfectly understandable for the bride-to-be to be somewhat self-obsessed. Nobody will fault you for it, and you need to tell yourself each day that it is not too flaky to change your mind about an outfit or colour once you've left the store. In fact,

I recommend going back with a few girlfriends who will tell you the truth, unlike shop assistants who say you look *amazing* in everything (it's a nice thing to hear, but let's be honest).

One-stop shop. Not everyone may agree with what I'm about to say, but it's perfectly OK to pick all your outfits from one place. I made one trip to Seasons in Juhu first, and was pretty distraught that I only found one thing I liked (so I bought it right away). Then I found Anita Dongre. Her bridalwear is ornate but not too heavy, and at Lakmé Winter/Festive 2011, I fell in love with a pink lehenga, the stacked gold bangles, and the belt-pouches on all the outfits. Gorgeous! A trip to Palladium later, and I was all set. Anita even made a sketch from an idea I had of a short bandhni lehenga in ink-blue for my mehendi (as I won't be able to use my hands).

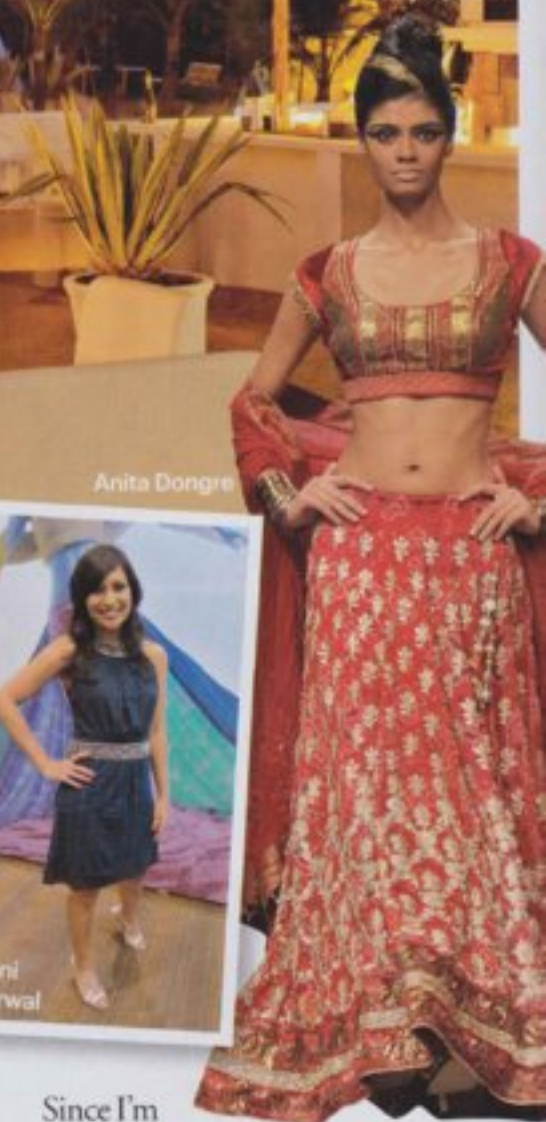
Next, of course, comes the jewellery. I lucked out again, and found some really charming pieces at Anmol Jewellers in Bandra. Once again, the key is to try on the jewellery with the cholis. Anmol even recommends having your blouse neckline shaped once you pick your pieces. Makes sense.



Malini
Agarwal

Anita Dongre

Marbela Beach,
Morjim, Goa.



Since I'm continuing the celebrations with a beach wedding at Montego Bay and Marbela Beach (my dream destinations, yay!) in Morjim, Goa, next February, I'm not planning to make the whole bridal line-up even more painful by wearing six-inch heels. So I've decided to go barefoot. Besides, I think barefoot brides with blingy toe rings look absolutely elegant.

Tone up or shut up. I cannot stress the importance of hitting the gym for a little body work at least three months before your big day. You don't want to spend your wedding asking people if you look fat. I've recruited the help of Zarine Watson, who runs a gym with excellent personal training in Bandra, and has several big-ticket bodies in her repertoire, like Bipasha Basu and Hrithik Roshan. Fingers crossed for fab abs.

And finally, remember you're not fully dressed without a smile. All the people who love you are around while you play princess for a day (or seven). Enjoy it, it happens once in a lifetime, if you're lucky. Happy shopping! ■