

Revival of faded glory

Wondering how to pep up your summer wardrobe? Try khakis and get stylish this season.

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Usually white and off-whites are the only options for men in summer, but this year try out cool khakis and beat the heat. Many designers and top-notch fashion brands have come out with chic khaki collections for summer 2009, which has revived the faded glory of khakis.

The journey of khaki pants is legendary, feels Aditi Chakraborty, head brand communications, Blackberrys. She says, "The khaki uniforms worn by American soldiers rocked and the colour itself was recognised as a symbol of a 'hero'. Specially when Hollywood welcomed this extraordinary colour in war and action films it became a timeless statement."

From daily wear to formal

ensembles, there are many options for men in this summery fabric. Khakis go well with chapsuits as well as shoes and you can team them up with different shirts and get the desired look.

Sumit Diwan, director, Dewan Sahib says, "Khaki for me represents a very casual mood because it's a neutral colour. It symbolises a time for holiday and relaxation, so whenever you have to choose casual wear, go for khakis."

Match khakis with washed shirts and tees for leisure wear and if you are an adventurous guy, then pair them with an earth tone or checker board shirt and get a casual urban look.

Aditi says, "Ideal khaki pants are made from cotton with strong side seams and have a well-fitting design from the hip and thigh

down to the knee. Pair wrinkle-free khaki pants with a button-up shirt in dark brown, black and blue and get an executive look."

Sumit adds, "One can pair khakis with lighter shades of peach, pink, blue and green for morning dos. At night you can team it with navy blue, black or dark brown and get the semi-formal

look. Khaki pants are perfect for summer as they are blended with cotton and do not wrinkle easily."

Khaki coloured cotton and linen pants are easy to manage, as they do not get dirty and are stylish as well as comfortable. Usually, they are maintenance-free, but one should keep in mind a few do's and don'ts. Aditi suggests, "The best way to take care of khakis is to wash them at home. They should be washed and dried inside out with a regular detergent.

The garment can be ironed at regular temperature. They are stain resistant and wrinkle-free with long lasting creases."

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(left) Pair formal shirts with khaki pants and look cool in summer. (Pic courtesy: Blackberrys)

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