

## From Shilpa Shetty to Vidya Balan: The Bridal Waistcoat-Lehenga Trend Takes Over

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**Waistcoats are no longer reserved for grooms or boardrooms—this tailored classic has entered the world of bridal couture. From Shilpa Shetty’s experimental silhouettes to Vidya Balan’s contemporary ethnic charm, the waistcoat-lehenga pairing is emerging as one of 2025’s most-talked-about bridal fashion trends.**

Designers are reimagining the waistcoat with **rich embroideries, intricate zardozi work, sequins, bead embellishments, and vibrant colour contrasts**, pairing them with voluminous lehengas for a look that fuses **sharp tailoring with ethnic grace**.

Designer **Shruti Sancheti** explains its appeal:

*“Waistcoats, once a symbol of modest, formal dressing, are now entering Indian wear, especially Indo-Western looks and lehenga pairings. They flatter the torso, add shape and bring a modern, androgynous touch while offering comfort and versatility. For today’s brides, they’re not only stylish and dance-friendly but also sustainable, as the waistcoat can be worn later with trousers, making it a smart, reusable investment.”*

The versatility of the waistcoat makes it a refreshing addition to the bridal wardrobe. **Runway collections have showcased everything from regal, heavily embroidered pieces for weddings to minimalist, playful versions for festive soirées.**

Stylist **Vikram Seth** offers a key tip:

*“When styling a waistcoat blouse with a lehenga, the dupatta can be optional to retain the modern aspect. Instead, opt for statement earrings rather than neckpieces, since the neckline is usually covered.”*

Whether it’s for a **cocktail night, sangeet, or even the wedding day itself**, the waistcoat lehenga pairing offers a blend of **elegance, comfort, and practicality**. It’s an ensemble that empowers brides to feel both rooted in tradition and free-spirited in movement—a **fashion-forward statement redefining bridalwear in India**.