

Ways to wear... Cool party pieces



The season of sparkle is upon us, with sequins beckoning from a forgotten corner of the wardrobe. When it comes to jewellery, it can be easy to veer into a world of novelty pieces. If a Christmas tree brooch floats your boat, go for it. If not, Jessica Burrell has a more subtle approach

"At Christmas, I never feel the need to dress in a way that screams festive. I prefer to keep things pared-back – clean shapes, a beautiful dress – and let the jewellery carry the mood," says Nishita Assomull, founder of demi-fine jewellery brand, L'Atelier 73. "I think you can capture the essence of the season without a single snowflake. For me, it's all about form, texture and the way pieces move with the light."

A great way to achieve this is with dainty pieces that glint without being overpowering – Astrid &

Miyu's crystal drop studs are a prime example. "If the piece has sparkle or metallic shine, I'd lean into contrast of finish," says Anna Jewsbury, artistic director of London-based accessories brand Completedworks. "A polished or subtly glittering piece looks especially modern against matte textures: wool, brushed cotton, washed silk. It keeps the sparkle feeling considered and contemporary."

Another easy way to get everyday outfits into the party mood is to use jewellery to introduce festive touches of red