



Every girl, irrespective of ethnicity or strata has believed and worked toward that 'Happily Ever After'. It's the stories she grew up with. It's the stories that shaped her belief in the triumph of good over evil and the axiom that everything works out in the end. It comes as no surprise that wedding attire is almost fairytale-like in nature.

The Cinderella Story is the modern day adaptation of that fairy tale. We threw open the doors on girls who had somewhere to be, someone to impress, something to feel fantastic about and needed assistance.

But, we were going to need help. Fortunately, we had two stellar magicians at hand to create the magic that we aimed to unfold.

Let's meet the team then, shall we?



Rumi Munawar, a regular girl who works with Etisalat as an account manager is free-spirited and a dreamer by nature. We came upon her by chance when she told us that she was meant to attend her best friend's wedding and needed a makeover for the same. It was accidental, but we had found the right girl!

# The Cinderella Story

## Pooja Mankani



in Fine Arts from NMK College, she opted to complete her Chartered Accountancy. But, her passion for designing led her to get a professional diploma in Fashion Designing from NIFT Delhi.

A simple and warm person, Pooja was also trained under leading designers like Manish Malhotra and Rocky S among others.

Ankriya started in 2005 after Pooja's first pregnancy when she realised that the market didn't cater enough to plus sized women. She credits a large part of her success to her father, Inderjeet Makkar's unfailing belief in her.

Hailing from an affluent Punjabi family in Mumbai, Pooja Mankani was always inclined towards fashion designing. After completing her graduation

Ankriya, she says would not have been possible without the support of her husband, Bharat Mankani who is the silent strength behind her brand.

## Sakshi Nath

The brains behind Tresind, the Indian fine dining concept in Dubai, Sakshi Nath took her entrepreneurial skills to the next level with Queens Beauty Lounge Salon & Spa.

Sakshi believes that it is important for women to feel like queens when they have left her spa. With the right kind of staff, location, products and prices, she has been able to give women a five star experience of the highest standard.

With a branch in JLT and Dubai Marina, she only wants to make a woman feel like a queen. For her, inner beauty is as important as the outer appearance.

Having spent 12 years in Africa, Dubai was the next best place to move to because people love beauty in this region and they spend a lot



of time and money on their appearance, according to her. "I believe women need to take time for themselves, and learn everything they can about their hair, skin, and body."