

# Reporter: *A Question Of Style*



**Celebrity stylist Karen Ng answers your fashion queries.**

**Q** What kind of clutch suits someone petite like me, best? I'm 1.54m tall, and though big clutches are trendy, wouldn't they look disproportionate on me?

— Winnie

**A** **Dear Winnie** In my opinion, there are no rules when it comes to clutches. Big and small are both great, especially since "big" clutches aren't that massive anyway — as compared to oversized totes!

If you do decide on the sort of larger design that is so on-trend at the moment, my advice is to pick an outfit that will make you appear taller. For example, by wearing high platform-heels, pulling on a one-tone outfit or donning looks with vertical details, you will look a lot lankier than you really are.

For evening events, I'd go for an ornamental crystal *minaudière* from Judith Leiber, available in a variety of shapes and sizes. I also love



An envelope clutch.



Knuckle Box clutch and Britania Punk Skull leather clutch (below), both by Alexander McQueen.

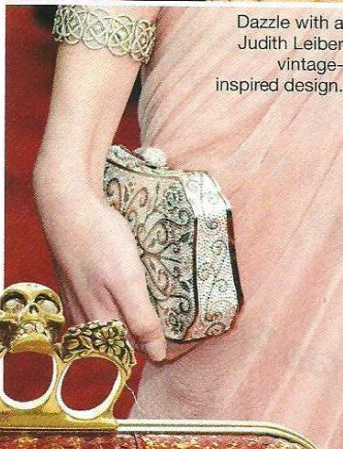
the cutting-edge box clutches from the late Alexander McQueen and the sleek long clutches in exotic skins from local London-based bag designer Ethan K, currently being sold on the CoutureLab website. But if I had to pick just one clutch for this season, it's got to be a furry one — it will be all you need to rivet all attention to you at any party.

However, if you are looking for clutches that can take you from the office to a casual *soirée*, try an envelope clutch that can hold most of your essentials. Tuck a slouchier clutch under your arm casually for day, and hold a structured one in your hand for night. Big clutches in bold shades also add a splash of colour to any outfit.

One last thing: Do not stuff your clutch to the brim — bulging, lumpy purses are never a good look. ❖



Jewelled clutch on the red carpet.



Dazzle with a Judith Leiber vintage-inspired design.



Kirsten Dunst



Rachel Bilson



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