



RECONSTRUCTION





1970

MYTHILI AND HER 'THOZHIGAL'

The photo is of my grandmother, Mythili Subramanian and her three best friends, or, 'thozhigal'. These group of girls love to have fun and were seen laughing for no reason often. When one of them are quiet, the others would bug that girl so much that she would even open up. In the late 60s, wearing a half saree was compulsory from class 6 onwards. They would wear paavadai and blouse at home, have the half saree inside their 'book bag', go behind the school building and change into it before prayer. For a school function, all classmates planned to wear saree for the first time. They borrowed their mother's sarees very excitedly since it was their first time. This is the picture when Mythili and her friends adorned the sarees and jewellery for the first time.

Flowers on the
braided hair

Checked blouse
(unique to the
70s)

Bangle set worn
on the wrists

Silk sarees
with big
border



Tear drop bindi

Small stud/jimiki earrings

Short chain necklace
with pendant

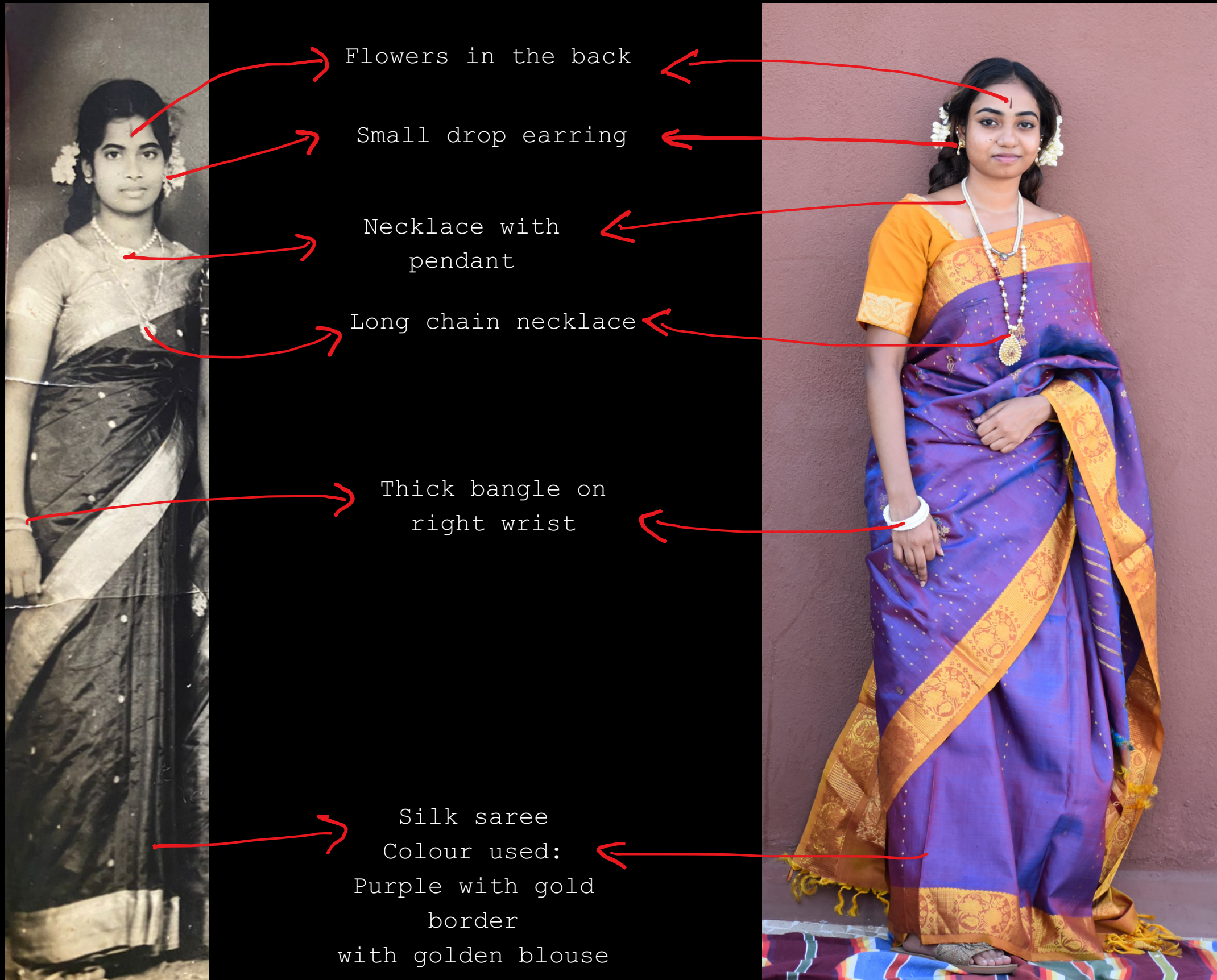
Long chain necklace
with pendant

Key items noted:

- Silk sarees (big border) with short-mid sleeve blouses
- Braided hair with flowers
- Layering of necklaces
- Tear drop bindi
- Kohl for the eyes and exaggerated eyebrows

LOOK 1 BREAKDOWN

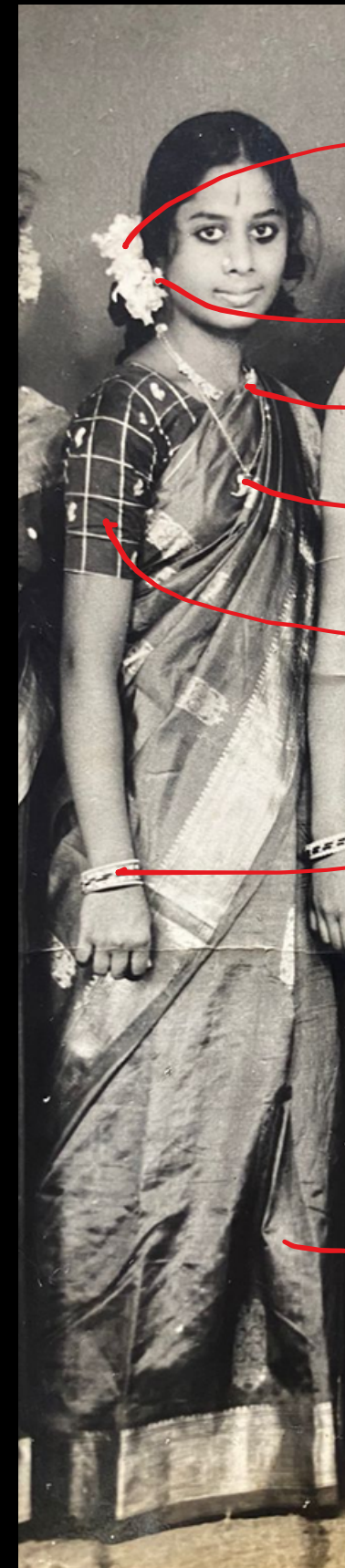
Sakthi Sree as **Mythili**



In the original image, Mythili is seen wearing a tear drop bindi and a mole on her right cheek. As far as makeup goes, she has drawn in her eyebrows, applied kajal in the corner of her eyes.

LOOK 2 BREAKDOWN

Prithikha as **Jayam**



Braided hair
with flowers

Stud earring

Short necklace

Long chain
necklace

Checked blouse

Group of bangles
on wrist

Silk saree
Colour used:
Pink and green
with maroon blouse



In the original image, Jayam is seen wearing a longer tear drop bindi. She is also seen wearing this traditional kallu besari on her nose. As far as makeup goes, she has drawn in her eyebrows, applied kajal throughout the bottom of her eyes.

LOOK 3 BREAKDOWN



Flowers on braided hair

Stud earring

Short chain necklace

Long chain necklace with pendant

Group of thin bangles on right wrist

Silk saree
Colour used:
Blue with gold
border with golden
blouse



Oshino as Akila



In the original image, Akila is seen wearing a long tear drop bindi. She has a mole below her nose. As far as makeup goes, she has drawn in her eyebrows, applied kajal throughout the bottom of her eyes.

LOOK 4 BREAKDOWN



Flowers on one side braided hair

Small jimikis

Small chain necklace with pendant

Bangles and watch on either wrists

Silk saree
Colour used:
Teal with blue striped border with green blouse



Pavithraa as **Manohari**



In the original image, Manohari is seen wearing a tear drop bindi. As far as makeup goes, she has drawn in her eyebrows, applied kajal on her eyelids and bottom corner of eyes, and seems to have applied a base powder to her face.

PROCESS



Model hunting

Sourcing of
sarees, blouses
and jewellery
according to each
girl

Location prep

SHOOT AND EDITING



As shot



Minor edits on the colour image
to match the original image

RECONSTRUCTED IMAGE



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