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# Real-life problems need a real-life solution

## A story of every household

Ever since it was launched 18 years ago, Fenesta has been the market leader and India's No.1 brand of windows and doors. Naturally so, when plans were afoot to do its first ever TVC, the team, instead of going to the drawing board, went and met the customer first. After all, that's been Fenesta's credo all along. The findings were along expected lines.

How many times have you dreaded the prospect of coming back to a dusty, messy home after a long vacation? Across the length and breath of the country, irrespective of where you live in the city, this is a problem, which everybody has to deal with. And this was the one problem that Fenesta overcame. Reason why, customer after customer sang paeans of just how their life transformed after they had Fenesta installed at home. Insulation from dust, noise and pollution were not just hollow claims of the brand but were for real.

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This real-life problem is the narrative that drives Sharma ji's plight in the new Fenesta commercial that's just been released.

Sharma ji is our guy next door, the happy go lucky gentleman, a character that we all easily associate and relate with.



## So what's Sharmaji's problem?

It's the problem of every household with not so great quality windows.

Shot at the height of the pandemic, it was a first for the team to monitor a shoot digitally.

So go ahead and catch the commercial across various digital platforms and if you share your story of how you have evaded going out of town because of this problem you could end up with a surprise hamper from Fenesta.

**How many times have you dreaded the prospect of coming back to a dusty, messy home after a long vacation?**

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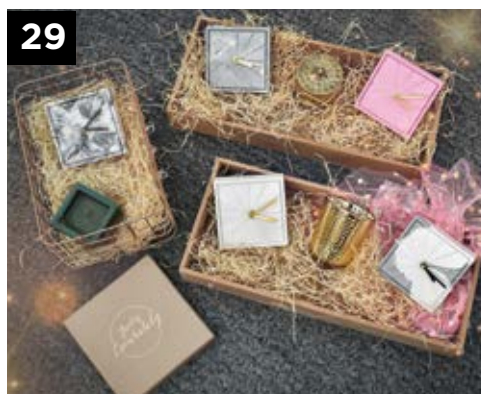
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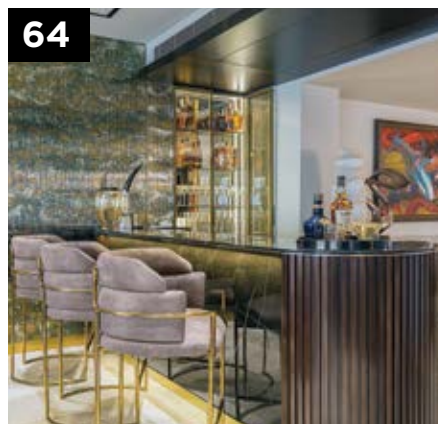
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# The **Ideal Home** and Garden

## EDITOR'S NOTE

I will get straight to the point. Why do we avoid (ignore) doing up our kid's room the way they want it? Kids usually have a specific vision of how they want to decorate their bedrooms and believe me, sometimes you'll wish these spaces were your own. Not kidding! Dedicated this issue to decor therapy for little ones, we have some expert interior designers' sharing their insights, to guide you through it. Rather than sticking to stereotypical ideas of your childhood and spaces for kids, these spaces shared in this issue offer multi-dimensional approaches to a child's space. It's hard to resist the allure of a full-blown makeover, especially when we have been spending so much time indoors. But for many of us (I am nervous wrt electrical work in my house), top-to-bottom upgrade isn't an option. But upgrading our homes and making changes without giving up our homes for days, we can opt for small changes that make a big impact. And yes, we have planned this issue as a solution for just this woe! From adding the magic of pastels, to a new vase or a photoframe, colourful cushions, beautiful throws, animal-inspired decor to table-top accessories, we have covered every small-change idea that will make a big impact on your space. We love homes! That is what we love the most. The three character-filled homes featured inside have one thing in common - perfect personality-driven space for their residents. I am amazed to see how different they are from each other, yet have a feeling that is relaxed, opulent, and welcoming. On this note, I am leaving you here with ideas and inspirations to create a space you love!

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## LETTER OF THE MONTH

I have been a avid reader of TIHG for the past couple of years and yet it has been in the lockdown time that I put all of that accumulated knowledge to work. Now my home beams with new and vibrant colours, and my plants are growing at a healthy pace, thanks to all the tips that I've learnt from the pieces in this. Request the team to feature more stories about plant care for the upcoming summer.

**Deepshikha Menon, Chennai**

I have just moved into the a new apartment a couple of months back, and I have raided the past couple of issues for ideas and inspiration. And genuinely the decor ideas presented here feature in my home and have made it my happy place truly. In addition i started following the magazine on Instagram and the DIYs featured there have been a blessing.

**Kriti Ahuja, Bhopal**

I am not an architect but the houses featured by TIHG are just true eye-candy for me. The feature on brick houses was my favourite and I just wanted to be the one living in every single house that was featured. Please feature more house along similar line as they give ideas that can be implemented even in the apartment setting. Request the team to feature again some Ideal Getaway suggestions as these seem to be the need of the hour.

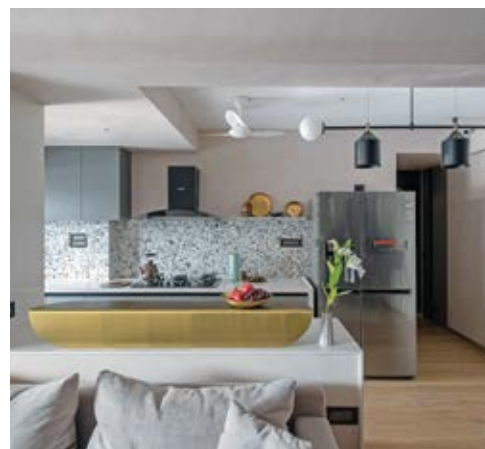
**Ajay Mathur, Mumbai**

Having become a follower of TIHG on Instagram during the lockdown, I am so glad that I picked up a copy as soon as we could step out. Both an social media, as well as in print, The Ideal Home and Garden team has become my companion. I would love it if the team featured more easy recipes that even an amateur cook like myself could attempt with ease. -

**Savita Krishnan, Delhi**

Hello team, I just wanted to express my gratitude for the pieces that you guys have been putting out. I especially like the pieces on Indian brands and decor portals that are easy to procure. Thanks to TIHG I have gained knowledge about so many of the kind, and some of them already add to the interiors of my home.

**Aditi Sharma, Mumbai**





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BRING TOGETHER CHILDLIKE JOY  
AND THE COLOURFUL EMBRACE  
OF SUMMER MONTHS TO UPLIFT  
YOUR HEARTH AND HEART.



## GREEN INSPIRED

Highlighting the spirit of festive celebration, the Vintage Garden Collection by Studio13 utilizes artisanal clay (ceramic) to depict inspiration drawn from the founder, Neha Jhunjunwala's own garden and the Danish concept of 'hygge.' Shades of blush and teal inform the collection with the refreshing calm of a vintage garden, along with subtle gold accents that give it a luxurious allure. ([studio13.co.in](http://studio13.co.in))

### Refreshingly Fresh

Giving a vibrant new direction to sustainable luxury, **Eris Home** has launched their spring summer collection, Cocooned in Luxury, that offers home furnishing inspired by nature. It consists of nine bedcovers, each inspired by different moments and aesthetics that nature offers to us. Like a greyish-blue bedcover 'Somber Sky' comes to represent cloudy morning and the 'Orange Sunset' inspired by the vibrancy of the setting sun, are two the bedcovers that bring nature to your home. Replete with accent pillows, cushion covers, quilts and bedcovers, this collection adds comfort and warmth to all aspects of home furnishings. ([erishome.com](http://erishome.com))



### Bygone Era Re-invoked

Travel back to a time in the past with **Beyond Designs** latest launch of antique trunks. The restored trunks of early 1990s London, showcase incredible detailing like rivets and locking systems that provide aesthetic value to these beautiful décor additions. The trunks are restored with the aim of elevating contemporary homes with the richness of heritage and nostalgia. ([beyonddesigns.in](http://beyonddesigns.in))



### Marble Beauty

Pristine and luxurious, The **Whiteteak Company** taps into the magic of marble for their new Marble Home Decor Collection. It is made up of marble-based home décor artifacts, ranging from tabletop additions to large floor artifacts. These are in the form of human figures based on different concepts and design theories. Extensive study into all ways in which marble as material has been utilized in the past, has informed this collection to keep it simple and a companion to contemporary interiors. ([whiteteak.com](http://whiteteak.com))



### Beaming Beauties

A beautiful range of wallpapers by **Sarita Handa** launched for the spring-summer season. These designs give a variety of options, that are fresh in their presentation and appeal. Abstract patterns, tiny florals, geometric textures to 3D effects, are all available as a part of this collection. Careful attention has been given to ensure that these innovative and digitally made pieces, do not look like they are digitally rendered. ([saritahanda.com](http://saritahanda.com))



### A Look Of Brilliance

Adding brilliance to any home, **MADS Creations** launches its new collection which features centre tables and side tables. These décor elements are chic and refined, and are available in marble, wood, glass and laminates, that have an elegant modern touch to them. Geometric shapes find incredible home in this collection, and each table is a mix of multiple components that come together to create a modern marvel. ([madscreations.in](http://madscreations.in))







## Meet At The Bar

Fryst, the new barware collection by **Ellementry** is here offers a novel take that is rooted in the aesthetics and sustainability of natural materials. The refreshing products are bring together wood and glass, in which both beauty and functionality find their home. The wine cooler, nut bowls and the effective wooden ice bucket with a glass sleeve, are designed to act as the perfect companions to an evening at home with friends. ([ellementry.com](http://ellementry.com))



## Persian Infusion

Homes can now be reinvigorated using the high quality furnishing fabrics in the evocative new collection, Prince of Persia by Clarke & Clarke available at **Maishaa**. Enchanting colours and incredible patterns mark this collection, where the bustling streets of Marrakech come to life in an effect that seems painted on, using embroidery and quality prints. Painted palm tress, architecture and metallic threads inspired by filigree and coins, act as a window into a bygone area of majestic allure. ([maishaa.com](http://maishaa.com))



## Luxurious Living

The Mustang Collection, launched by **Royale Touche**, is the brand's latest range of luxury laminates that are specifically designed to make the aesthetics of interior spaces alluring and impactful. The highly durable decorative sheets in the 1.25 mm laminates category that are stylish, classy and visually impactful. The layers of each laminate sheet was treated in human safe chemical that is anti-bacterial and anti-viral. ([royaletouche.com](http://royaletouche.com))



## Globally Informed

The Global Citizen Collection by **The Rug Republic** is an assortment of rugs and other home additions that are inspired by styles from all over the world. Like the Alkes Rug from the collection,

has the pastel flair to it, is hand-knotted in wool and is the perfect way to add a soft colour to any space. Woven in soft cotton and durable jute, and the Abella Pouf is the perfect way to not just add an extra seat, but also vibrant colour to any space. ([therugrepublic.in](http://therugrepublic.in))

## Tiles For Miles

Waterproof, easy to install and easy to maintain, the Assorted Think Brick Collection from the **Jindal Mechno Bricks India** has been designed keeping the contemporary buyer in mind. The cladding tiles come in three adverse finishes, plain textured and antique, each available in multiple colours. These have been made using the most advanced technology and natural raw materials, in ways that make these tiles customizable and highly resistant to stains and breaks. ([jindalbricks.in](http://jindalbricks.in))



## Impressive Indeed

Innovative and impactful, **The Pure Concept Home** is a design studio and 360 degrees concept store that functions to serve all the living room requirements that anyone can think of. Its furniture is designed to convey strength, openness and sophistication that is rooted in the simplicity of modern

minimalism. Clean lines and edges define the design, while the choice of teak wood and MS steel are made to serve as long term investments. ([thepureconcept.co.in](http://thepureconcept.co.in))





## Richness Infused

UDC Homes launches their new opulent collection of Elie Saab wallpapers made under the supervision of Zambaiti Parati. It is window back into the Art Deco style in a manner that is reminiscent of mural paintings and alluring contemporary design. These create experiences in space using the inclusion of panels and murals offered in elegant textures, exquisite design and regal opulence that is perfected with charm. ([udc.in](http://udc.in))



## All Clean

To give a healthy cleanse to your fresh fruits and vegetables, Cello Vegetable and Fruit Cleanser is designed to be a healthy help to your daily routine. It removes harmful chemicals, organisms, residual wax and pesticides, while helping to increase its shelf-life in the refrigerator and maintaining its flavour. Meats and seafood too can be scoured in its 10 litre container, in a way that removes its odour with little effort.

## Let It Flow



Expanding their concrete vision rooted in excellence, **Nuance Studio** brings washbasins as a part of their Fluid Series. These are designed by Jasem Pirani and Huzefa Rangwala of the architectural studio MuseLAB, to pay homage to concrete as a brutalist material and the fluid

forms present in architecture. Few pinch points mark the creases of the perimeter, while the fluid form of the washbasin itself moves towards a finial that levitates off the floor. The design ensures the elegant concealment of the bottle trap and the brackets, in order to guarantee a cleaner look, in numerous textures, forms and colours. ([thenuancestudio.com](http://thenuancestudio.com))



## A Monochromatic Feel

**Ochre at Home** brings to the décor selection their new collection of monochrome accessories. Available in ceramic, fiberglass and metal, these décor options are given an elegant look using a gold finish. Some of the luxurious décor elements are enhanced using graphic patterns to offer quirk and character, while some others are given a glossy finish to bathe them in an elegant light. The accessories are given a clean design to complement a modern look. ([ochreathome.com](http://ochreathome.com))

## Charmed and Captivated

On the 10th year as a brand **Freedom Tree** introduces their new series that is colourful and vibrant. The Reset Collection, infuses new energy into their timeless prints. It is a journey through the brand's design journey by reviving elements featured before in new ways into furniture, fabrics, ceramics and décor. The Wonderland cabinet, featured in this takes one through a magical forest expanse, while other pieces like Face to Face Bar Cabinet bring bold playfulness to the mix. ([freedomtree.in](http://freedomtree.in))



## A Whiff Of Persia

Persia rugs are famous for their exquisite look and richness, and **Hands** launches their new collection that is rooted in the ancient art of weaving of this land. The Persian collection consists of a charming range of colours and elevated traditional imagery that utilizes patterns and motifs in novel ways. These handknotted carpets in wool, botanical and pure silk, celebrate craftsmanship that depicts Madalian design and floral designs for those that are soulfully royal yet modern. ([handscarpets.com](http://handscarpets.com))





# Ideas



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# PLEASING PASTELS

Bring life to your home with pastels ranging from mint green, peachy pink and seaside blue.

Research- Ruhi Singh

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Prism Grey Mauve, ₹79,380, **Hands**, Asia Ottoman\*, **Cane Boutique**; Straight Back Chair, ₹18,700 (excluding fabric and tax), **Baro**; Apricot Ribbon Cushion Cover, starts from ₹210, **The Yellow Dwelling**; Pichwai metal cross accent table, ₹13,000, **Artychoke**  
\*prices on request





THERE IS SOMETHING MAGICAL ABOUT THIS SHADE AS IT TRANSPORTS YOU TO A RELAXED ZONE AND PUTS YOU AT EASE AFTER A LONG DAY JUST BY STEPPING INSIDE. START GIVING YOUR SPACE A MAKEOVER BY JUST ADDING SOME PASTEL TOUCHES TO YOUR SOFT FURNISHINGS. TA-DA!



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Soft Blush Bedding Collection, ₹19,000 (set of 9 items) vVyom by **Shuchita**; Co-ordinates Collection from Clarke & Clarke\*, available at **Maishaa**; Ceramic Mug Tall Polka Dots, ₹690, **Ellementry**; Mimosas tableware by Raseel Gujral\*, **Casa Paradox**  
\*prices on request



## Palette Play

PASTEL SHADES ARE NOT ONLY FOR THOSE WITH FEMININE STYLE PREFERENCE, RATHER PASTEL COLOURS HELP TO CREATE DEPTH WHEN STYLISED WITH BOLDER PATTERNS AND COLOURS. TRY USING PASTELS AS ACCENTS WITH OTHER DOMINANT SHADES.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Amalfi cube, ₹850 for set of 3, **The Purple Turtles**; Tea/Coffee Pot from Ellementry, ₹1,290, available at **Hermosa**; Swirl\*, **House of Rugs**; CA Foscari Armchair\*, **Visionnaire**; Drop high side table from COR\*, available at **Plüsch**; Maria Flor Bowl\*, **Bordalo Pinheiro**  
\*prices on request







**TIP**

A POP OF ANY ENERGETIC SHADE ADDS PERSONALITY TO YOUR SPACE, HOW ABOUT CREATING A PINK MONOCHROMATIC RETREAT, FROM CEILING TO THE WALL.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Jaan Silent Sofa from Walter Knoll", available at **Plüsch**; Bowl", **Visionnaire**; Unstring by Kavi, starts from ₹1,10,900 **Jaipur Rug**; Daisy Chair from Poltrona Frau", available at **EtreLuxe**; Storage Box", **Vista Alegre** \*prices on request







# FRAME IT

The only way to take you down memory lane and bring joy at unexpected times are photos. Let's buy a photoframe

Research: Ruhi Singh



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Lor l Round Frame\*, L'Objet available at **Emery Studio**; Graphite Photoframe, ₹800, **Baro**; Serene Fountain\*, **Michelle Nussbaumer x Wendover Art**; MOP Photoframe\*, **Beyond Designs**; Jahan Photoframe, ₹2,850, **Kalpan **; Check Square Orange Photoframe, ₹1,300 approx, **&Klevering**  
\*prices on request



# TABLE TOP

Elevate your living space with these additions that perfectly suit your style

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:  
AURÉOLE-COLORÉE\*,  
FÜRSTENBERG available  
at **Sources Unlimited**;  
Scented Beewax Sachet,  
₹499, **Baro**; Aqua Storage  
Box, ₹2,750 **Kalpanè**; Tray  
sets\*, **Beyond Designs**;  
Vol de Mon Amour Bleu\*,  
Daum at **Emery Studio**;  
Jar Spiral Pink, ₹2,600  
approx, **&Klevering**;  
Barocco Mosaic Sugar  
Bowl, ₹20,000 approx,  
**Rosenthal Meets Versace**  
\*prices on request







# LIGHT IT!

Create romance and a relaxing vibe with stylish and aromatic candles



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Home (warm vanilla+enriching coffee), ₹750, **Monsoon + Chai**; Pink Stud Candles, ₹1,300 for set of 2, **Wix & Wax**; Terrazzo Candle, ₹2,500 each, **Aroma India**; Vanilla Champagne, ₹750, **Smiisenses**; Lemon & eucalyptus concrete tumbler candle, ₹1,550, **Joyous Beam**; The Serendipity collection, ₹1,090 each, **MISA**





# FOR FLOWERS

One of the most used decor piece that can add beauty to any space



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Bottle Vases\*, **Beyond Designs**; Aqua Rustic Ceramic Vases\*, **Ellementry**; Copper Vase from Treasured Occasions, ₹2,000, **Hèrmosa Design Studio**; Vase Fused Spiral, ₹2,600 approx, **&Klevering**; Celestial Bowl On Stand\*, L'Objet available at **Emery Studio**; Sixty & Twelve collection\*, **Rosenthal**  
\*prices on request



# ADDING THAT EXTRA MAGIC

Soft furnishings have the ability to make, break or transform any look with ease and minimum effort. Bright, vibrant and unique, the options assembled by TIHG here give you the ability to enhance whichever look you are aiming for using the appropriate cushions, throws, curtains, rugs, table linen et cetera.

Research: Arushi Chaturvedi



SOFT FURNISHINGS ARE AN EXTREMELY COST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ENSURE CHANGE IN YOUR SPACE. YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT THE TRANSFORMATIVE EFFECT THAT A SIMPLE CUSHION CHANGE OR THROW INCLUSION CAN HAVE ON YOUR BELOVED SPACE.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:  
Cushions, **Beyond Designs**  
**Home**; Happy Fall Linen  
Table Runner, **Ellementry**;  
City Blocks Cushion,  
Borderline studio available  
at **The House of Things**







CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:  
Galena Gold, **Hands**;  
Verdure, **House of Rugs**;  
The Mughal Rickshaw  
Cushion Cover, **India**  
**Circus** by Krsnaa Mehta;  
Tuscan Hill Cushion Cover,  
**The Purple Turtles**



SOFT FURNISHINGS ARE THE ULTIMATE WAY TO ADD AESTHETIC LAYERS TO YOUR SETTING. USE THESE TO CREATE CONTRAST AND AVOID A ONE-DIMENSIONAL LOOK.







CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:  
Jaal Cushion, **Intiki**; Prince  
of Persia Collection, Clarke  
& Clarke available at  
**Maishaa**; Blue Shibori Quilt,  
**Kari By Kriti**

ADDING COLOURS  
CAN BE RISKY FOR  
SOME, AS NEUTRAL  
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THEY ARE USED TO.  
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FURNISHINGS CAN  
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TO EXPERIMENT  
WITH NOT JUST  
COLOURS, BUT ALSO  
TO HELP FIGURE OUT  
THEIR FAVOURITE  
SHADES FOR THEIR  
FAVOURITE SPACE.







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Placemats and Napkins from Vanya Collection, **No-Mad**; Sunshine Bloom Table Linen, **The Yellow Dwelling**; Log Cabin Patchwork, **Sarita Handa**; Colour Blocking Floor Cushions, Waffle Bedcover (Orange Peel), Bordered Placemat cum Trivet (Orange), **The Greige Warp**

CREATING BALANCE IN ANY SPACE CAN BE CRUCIAL AND SOFT FURNISHINGS ARE THE PERFECT WAY TO ACHIEVE THAT. SOFTNESS CAN BE ADDED TO INTERIORS THAT HAVE OVERPOWERING BOLD ELEMENTS LIKE A WALL IN A DEEP HUE, OR SOME MUCH NEEDED CHARACTER TO AN OTHERWISE MONOCHROMATIC LOOK.



# Wood Wonders



Started in 2014, Orange Tree has created a niche in the lighting and wall decor segment.

The brand is known for adding a chic and unique feel to any space with its statement pieces. After gaining confidence with their innovative designs,

Orange Tree has launched their furniture collection in the Indian market that is crafted from solid wood and complements any living area.

Research: Ruhi Singh

*Orange Tree, a retail venture of a 22-year-old company, Basant - that has designed and exported the finest contemporary furniture and accessories to 17 countries worldwide*

**Dado** welcomes lounging with open arms and high style. Low track arms flow a seamless apartment sofa frame in an extremely contemporary velvet fabric that accentuates the sofa's modern curves. Rounded solid Acaia legs with an Autumn brown finish add to the sofa's light, contemporary look. The sofa comes in single, two, and three-seater in the range, and you can make the right combination as per the setting.





# Two Tone Happiness

The recently opened store in capital's plush shopping street - Khan Market, Thevasa is born out of love for everything Indian and Vasa (Sanskrit for home).

Inspired by travels all over the world, the collection showcases the beauty of Indian art forms from different parts of the country for the new Indian. Visit the store for beautiful dinnerware, cushions, bags and a lot more.

Research: Ruhi Singh

# ALL FOR THE *Kids*

Lively and a conduit for creating memories that will stay with a person forever, kids' room are the most important space for any parent. It is the space that they hold dear to their heart, as it is undeniably meaningful for their child and his/her growth. Here are some designed kids' room that infuse life and vibrancy into a child's own space.

Research: Arushi Chaturvedi







**PROJECT:** Napeansea Road Apartment | **FIRM:** a&k Design Studio | **DESIGNERS:** Aarti Somani and Kruti Sheth | **IMAGE:** Photographix India

A child's room should be a space in which they blossom and grow up having beautiful memories. With this in mind we ensure that the rooms we design are very safe, fun and adventurous for children. The spaces have interesting features like rock climbing walls, swings etc which make them like play areas along with sleeping and study zones. Colours used here also reflect the character of the kids and the finishes used are extremely maintenance free so there is no damage caused.

Floorings are usually soft laminated wooden floors or hardwood floors so that it is a protective layer to ensure no injuries. Study areas are practically designed keeping in mind a growing child's needs and requirements for storage with a big desk and yet making it practical and aesthetically pleasing. We also make sure that the room has a lot of bookcase space and corners for a child to record his memories and notes.



**PROJECT:** Warm White | **FIRM:** Zero9 | **DESIGNERS:** Anu Chauhan, Prashant Chauhan and Nirali | **LOCATION:** Mumbai | **AREA:** 1800 sqft | **IMAGE:** Too Photographed

The kid's bedroom is a white base with a pale yellow niche which holds the toys and complements the wall with hot air balloon graphics. The blackboard painted elephant makes an excellent surface for kids to scribble on. The refurbished bunk bed forms a mini-house for the kids which they relate to as their own little haven.





**PROJECT:** Apartment 1001 | **FIRM:** Between Walls | **DESIGNERS:** Natasha Shah | **LOCATION:** Mumbai | **AREA:** 1400 sqft | **IMAGE:** Inclined Studio

The child himself inspired us for his room. He was an only child and usually had weekend sleepover nights with friends and cousins. The space is designed to accommodate three children. The lower part of the bunk bed has a trolley which doubles up into a double bed and the upper level sleeps one. The stairs leading to the level above are used as a storage for his toys. There is a study space that seats two. The child's love

for animals is depicted in the form of framed illustrations on the study wall. The customised curtains were made to merge into the perfect white and blue concept of the house. The bay window is the child's most favourite space as that's where he sits gazing at the stars and reading a book.



**PROJECT:** Nahar Residence | **FIRM:** Limehouse Design Studio | **DESIGNERS:** Tanushree Lakhota | **LOCATION:** Mumbai | **IMAGE:** Biju Gopal

When we started the design discussions for this project, the requirements that emerged for the kid's room were simple - to retain open spaces within the room, maintain a bright and airy feel, and make spaces look aesthetic while retaining functionality. We ensured that the kid's room preserved its own individual characteristic while also fusing into the bigger holistic space of the apartment designed in an eclectic style. An amalgamation of new and refurbished furniture (painted white), light furnishings, and an open layout with floor to

ceiling cabinets running across one length of the room created much needed open spaces and added plenty of storage. The cabinets were designed to include a mix of open and closed shelves with the floor to ceiling yellow metal door handles merging seamlessly into the cabinet design. A customised paper planes motif wallpaper on the wall opposite the wardrobes gives out chirpy vibes. The matte finish painted interior doors act as a reflection of those occupying the space behind it and the yellow door here is for the bright and sunny kids room.





**PROJECT:** Slit House | **FIRM:** MS Design Studio | **PRINCIPLE ARCHITECTS:** Manav Patel and Shivangi Patel | **DESIGN TEAM:** Ekta Kamdar & Deepika Khatri | **LOCATION:** Vadodara | **IMAGE:** Tejas Shah Photography

The very first thought that arises for a child's space is 'vibrant, interactive and motivating.' Apart from fulfilling basic necessities by its function, it also acts as a ray of sunshine to the one using this space. The sensitivity towards designing is wisely addressed by the graphics painted on the two sides of the wall. Rejecting stereotypical ideas, artist Priyanka Thaker came up with a concept where these wall mural's indicated mythological stories and the narration of history. The notion

behind this design vision is to help develop curiosity in children. It is also to make learning fun, playful, so that when they are of age this would help them relate to these life lessons. Adding on to it, the use of colours here is light and warm. The overall composition of the space is narrated in a way where one half of the room has a beautiful play of colours and textures, and the other half is subtle with minimal use of the material and colour palette.



**PROJECT:** Blue Door Project | **FIRM:** Ariyona Interiors | **DESIGNER:** Rittika Chokhany | **LOCATION:** Mumbai | **AREA:** 1300 sqft | **IMAGE:** Bizou Photos

I keep two important things in mind while designing kids rooms. First, that as they grow up their needs and likes are going to change. So the design must be as flexible as possible. Use pieces of furniture which will last the test of time. Add in colours and themes using paint, wallpaper and furnishings which can easily be changed over the years to suit the

child's varying choices as they grow. Second, to give them as much open space as possible in their rooms so that they are able to move around freely, spread their toys/board games/craft materials and gather around with their friends easily. If the room is small, using a single or pull out bed helps make space.





**FIRM:** Casa Paradox by Raseel Gujral Ansal | **CREATIVE DIRECTOR:** Raseel Gujral

There are so many factors to consider when it comes to a kid's room design - from thinking through kids' bedroom layouts that are functional, to making sure you're keeping your little one in mind with all your kids bedroom interior design choices. To begin with, we should

try and keep the basics simple, plan in plenty of storage but don't be afraid to have a bit of fun with cushions, throws and curtains. In this particular image, I have kept the furniture contemporary with a gender neutral colour scheme which looks simple and yet classy.



**PROJECT:** Playroom Space | **FIRM:** The Swaddle Cove | | **DESIGN TEAM:** Nupur Muhana Gupta | **LOCATION:** Mumbai


The parent wanted to convert their living area into a playroom for their daughter while keeping the utility of the space intact. Since playtime was the most important factor, the design team decided to divide the space for specific usage that encourages her to do different activities at

ease - a clear area of the toy unit, an activity corner, free space for floor time, and a reading ledge. Keeping the child close to nature, Nupur decided to go ahead with Safari theme.





**PROJECT:** Nursery Design | **FIRM:** Thinkcutieful |  
**DESIGNER:** Romilla Tewari | **LOCATION:** Delhi NCR |  
**AREA:** 1300 sqft | **IMAGE:** Deepak Aggarwal

The interests and passion of the parents — love for reading and traveling — dictated the aesthetics and sensibilities behind this modern and minimalist nursery décor for a newborn baby boy. The welcoming space meets the needs and comfort of a newborn but goes beyond basics with a double bed, a large elevated play area, multiple storage spaces and other paraphernalia suitable for a toddler. The room will remain the baby's safe haven even when he begins to crawl, reach out and touch almost everything. The existing double bed in the room was baby-proofed by wrapping it completely in fabric. Re-upholstering it ensured the bed was free from any sharp wooden corners. The warm pastel and neutral colour scheme on the walls give the room a trendy and modern feel, which can be easily accessorized with bold prints, exotic aqua or delicate peaches to keep the child mesmerised. 



COLOUR OF THE YEAR-  
CHERISH (ALSO KNOWN AS THE SHADE IVY LEAGUE 7585)



After studying colour and its myriad influences on lifestyle in India, *Asian Paints ColourNext*, the most prominent authority on colour and design trends in India, unveils the four *Colour Trends of 2021 - Habitat, A Home New World, Felicity, Z Futures*. Asian Paints ColourNext puts together a comprehensive forecast of colours, materials, textures and finishes for those who design for India since 2003. Along with this, Asian Paints announces the most anticipated, *Colour of the Year - CHERISH* (also known as the shade Ivy League 7585).

Speaking on ColourNext, **Amit Syngle, MD & CEO, Asian Paints Limited** said, “The ColourNext trends and Colour of the Year are awaited with much excitement and anticipation every year. Various experts from the field of interior design, architecture, product design, textile and fashion, as well as marketing and technology, scout the country and the globe looking for inspiration and influences that can resonate with an Indian audience at large. While the four new trends, have specially been curated keeping in mind the new life and the distinct outlook towards everything post lockdown, *Cherish* as a colour is sure to create a wave in the vast and influential world of design and brand marketing.”

The Colour of the Year, *Cherish*, is a restorative yet effervescent shade that's both enduring and uplifting. While 2020 taught us many hard lessons and seeking refuge may have been our most natural response, there's also a need to be present in the 'now' and make the best of what it has to offer. *Cherish* (also known as the shade Ivy League) makes you appreciate the fleeting joys of life. It is a nurturing, humble and fresh colour that restores a sense of balance. The mint green shade, neither too warm nor cold, nudges growth while a hint of blue revitalises one's mood. Whether it is the creation of beautiful concepts, products, or objects d'art, *Cherish* is worth celebrating in this moment, and the next moment, and the one after that.

# Colour Trends 2021

EMBRACING THE PRESENT MOMENT AND THE TRENDS TAKING US INTO THE FUTURE THAT WE DESIRE, ASIAN PAINTS COLOURNEXT UNVEILS COLOUR TRENDS FOR 2021, THE COLOUR OF THE YEAR AND THE WALLPAPER OF THE YEAR, OFFERING DIRECTION AND INSPIRATION FOR DESIGN.

# The four colour trends for the year 2021 are

## A Home New World

Catalyzed by the pandemic, our home has become an entire ecosystem where our otherwise separate worlds collide. Thus, we will see homes evolving to accommodate more than the usual. Caught in the frenzy of everyday life while staying indoors, the cooling colour palette of A Home New World uplifts your space and your mood; a daily dose of inspiration and something to pleasantly distract you from the routine. Fresh and punchy colours instantly jolt your energy while the deep and resolute dark blue, and a clear light grey provide the much-needed positive respite. Versatile neutral browns hold the palette together like those mid-day pauses that help you centre yourself.



## Habitat

As we emerge from this pandemic we find new ways to co-exist with the world around us. Habitat represents responsive, optimistic solutions that bring a sense of balance to the world. The palette for Habitat stems from a state of humility and seeking a balance with nature. The warmer intermediate spectrum represents a feeling of compassion, while the subtle grey overlay gives a murky, mature tone to the colours. Earthy shades of green and brown take inspiration from forests, moss-laden barks, stones and weathered materials. The neutral shade bridges the absorbing nature of these shades and the optimism of yellow and teal – shades that hint at sunlight and water, without which life couldn't exist.





## Felicity

Felicity reflects a change in behaviour – a conscious choice to consume things that possess real value over flaunt value of an ephemeral nature. We now look for timelessness, long-lasting usage, clarity in form and function and an engineered-yet-crafted design. There's a timeless charm to the palette of Felicity, made of colours that have endured over a long period of time and yet unwaveringly appeal to us. Classic colours that have a dense and absorbing quality are balanced by pale dye-like natural colours, giving the palette a sense of contentment and restfulness. The muted grey-blue, soft beige and airy sage green are inspired by mid-century graphics and patterns and the calm white holds the palette together.



## Z Futures

Z Futures is inspired by the self-assured, liberal and fluid attitude of Gen Z – a youthful spirit of adventure mixed with the calm of domestic cosy. Unusual contrasts form the colour palette for Z Futures expressing the fluid, inclusive and tolerant mindset of Gen Z, open to diverse perspectives sans judgements. Light and airy colours when juxtaposed with dominant dark shades bring out the idea of assembled oddities, a trait we associate with the demographic. Fearless bright orange, confident bottle green and endless dark grey add vibrancy to the palette while under-appreciated light pink, powder blue and light grey exhibit the maturity and clarity of Gen Z.





# INTO THE WILD

Adding excitement and dynamic character to your interiors, animals and birds have continuously served as inspiration for enhancing spaces and telling one's story.

Utilized since cave-people, have a look at the novel ways in which these symbols have been integrated into contemporary design.

Research: Arushi Chaturvedi



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Wing Accent Chair, **Beyond Designs**; Twin Parrots, **Beyond Designs Home**; Mr. Smith Chair, **Cane Boutique**; Amber Cavalcade Pencil Holder, Daum available at **Emery Studio**; Swan Bowl, L'Objet available at **Emery Studio**; Swan Collection, Bronces Mestre available at **Etreluxe**; Minikin Accent Set of 2, **Ellementry**







RATHER THAN HAVE THE LIKENESS OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS REPRESENTED IN THEIR AUTHENTIC FORMS, NOVEL APPROACHES CREATE INTRIGUE AND FRESHNESS. USING MATERIALS LIKE METAL, CAN GIVE A MODERN TWIST TO THESE GIFTS AND INSPIRATION FROM NATURE.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:  
Feathered Sparrows Outdoor Wall  
Hanging in Terracotta, **Exclusive  
Lane**; Gajasimha Note Holder, Karu  
available at **The House of Things**;  
The Rooster Country Lore Pouf,  
**I'm the Centre for Applied Arts**;  
Mr. Ciao Sculpture, BOSA available  
at **Sources Unlimited**; 'Birds of  
Paradise' Accent Chair, **Fanusta**







CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Safomasi Pushkar Camel Cushion, Igroup+Ritz; Lapin Sculpture, L'Objet available at Emery Studio; Crazy Painting, Momenti available at Ottimo; Animalia Collection, Clarke & Clarke available at Maishaa







CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Woodpeckers, Karo Store available at **The House of Things**; Sofa Inspired by Louis XVI Era, **Parrot & Lily**; Artworks, **Sanjyt Singh**; Freedom Bookshelf, **Sage Living**





WHILE PICKING ELEMENTS THAT INTEGRATE ANIMAL AND BIRDS IN THEM, YOU CAN PICK A CREATURE THAT HAS MEANING FOR YOU OR IS AESTHETICALLY PLEASING. EITHER WAY IT SHOULD BE IN LINE WITH YOUR PERSONALITY AND TASTE.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Elie from Animagic Collection, **Scarlet Splendour**; Lion Cushion Cover, Gaj Cushion Cover, Rhino Cushion Cover, Cheetah Cushion Cover, **Sarita Handa**; Palm Collection, Baobab Collection available at **Sources Unlimited**; Rhinos, Koy available at **The House of Things**

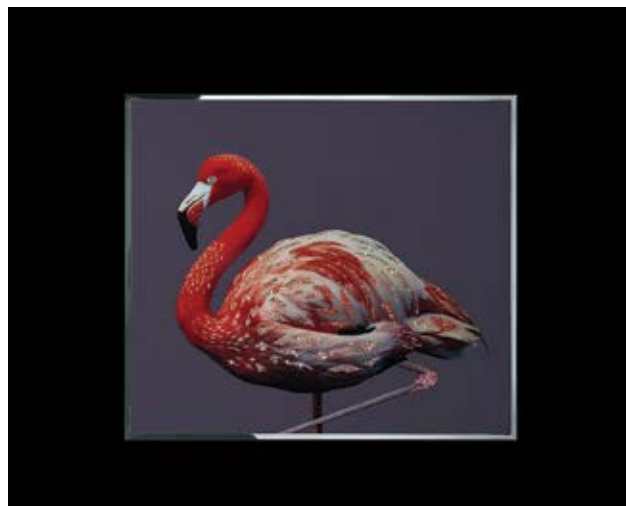




ANIMAL AND BIRD MOTIFS ARE A GREAT WAY TO ADD WHIMSY TO YOUR INTERIORS AND DECOR ELEMENTS ARE A GREAT WAY TO EXPERIMENT IN A WAY THAT IS NOT TOO DRAMATIC AND YET IS IMPACTFUL.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Sparrow Wall Plate (Set of 2), **The Yellow Dwelling**; Winged Horse, **The Purple Turtles**; Nuance Collection, **UDC Homes**; Flamingo Art, **Visionnaire**; Mid Flight, **The Whitetank Company**





# DIPPED IN COLOUR

Kitchens are a functional necessity for most households, and thus often times a basic and over-utilized neutral palette is chosen for it. However TIHG has assembled together colourful kitchens that are creatively envisioned and give an alluring reason for one to spend their time there.

Impressions: Arushi Chaturvedi

MULTIPLE HOURS ARE SPENT IN THE KITCHEN, TAKING CARE OF EVERYDAY MEALS. A COLOURFUL KITCHEN CAN ADD EXCITEMENT AND MAKE THE COOKING HOURS BORING NO MORE.

Vipul Patel Architects;  
Image: Inclined Studio





Beckermann available at Plüsch



Weespaces; Image: Shamanth Patil





COLOUR CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO A KITCHEN SPACE IN THE FORM OF TILES AND WALLPAPERS. ADDITIONALLY THE CABINETS CAN BE OF A PARTICULAR HUE THAT IS NON-NEUTRAL, ALONG WITH THE FLOORING, BOTH COMPLEMENTING EACH OTHER.





CHOOSE A COLOUR FOR  
YOUR KITCHEN THAT IS  
CHARMING YET NOT  
JARRING  
AESTHETICALLY. AND  
IF YOU ARE AVERSE TO  
RISKS, THE ELECTRICAL  
APPLIANCES LIKE  
A NON-NEUTRAL  
REFRIGERATOR OR  
VIBRANT MIXER CAN BE  
OTHER  
WAYS TO BRING COLOUR  
INTO YOUR KITCHEN.



Zero9, Image: Too Photographed



Aster Cucine available at Ottimo



# THAT SOULFUL AESTHETIC

A staple in Indian homes for centuries, the design of pooja spaces have seen a rejuvenation in recent times due to the efforts made by innovative minds. TIHG has assembled together eight such spaces that give worship a creative and soothing spot in the house.

Research: Arushi Chaturvedi

AREAS OF THE HOME THAT ARE ASSIGNED FOR WORSHIP HAVE BEEN A STAPLE FOR YEARS IN INDIAN HOMES. A NOVEL APPROACH TO THESE SPACES, THAT IS ROOTED IN A MINIMAL AESTHETIC SERVES BEST WITH ITS SIMPLICITY.

Studio Lagom; Image: Photographix India





The Interior Workshop; Image: Ishita Sitwala



Taliesyn; Image: Shamanth Patil

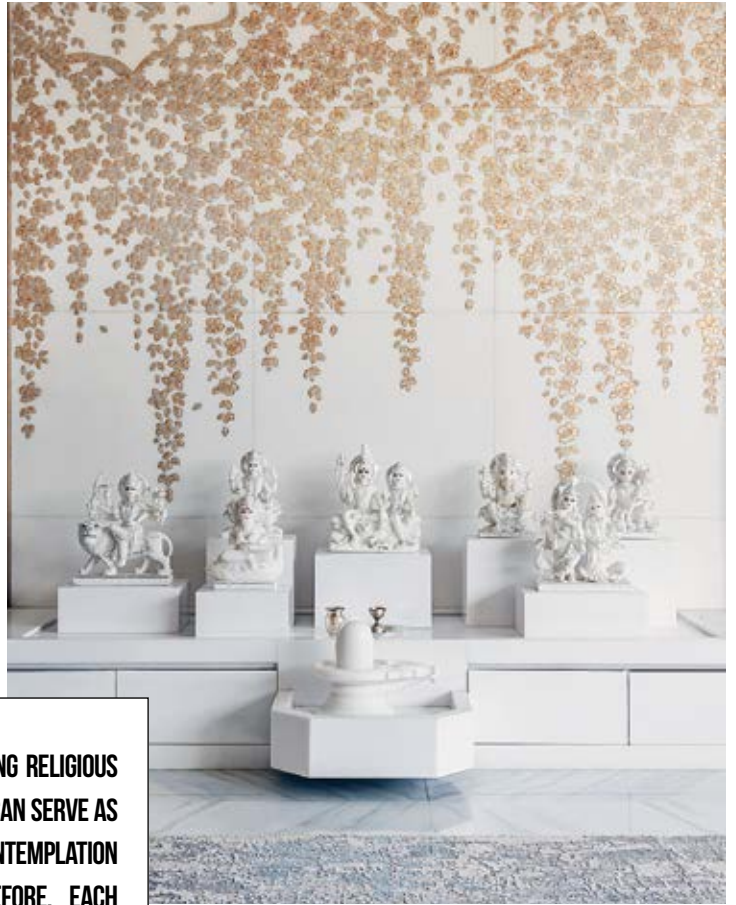


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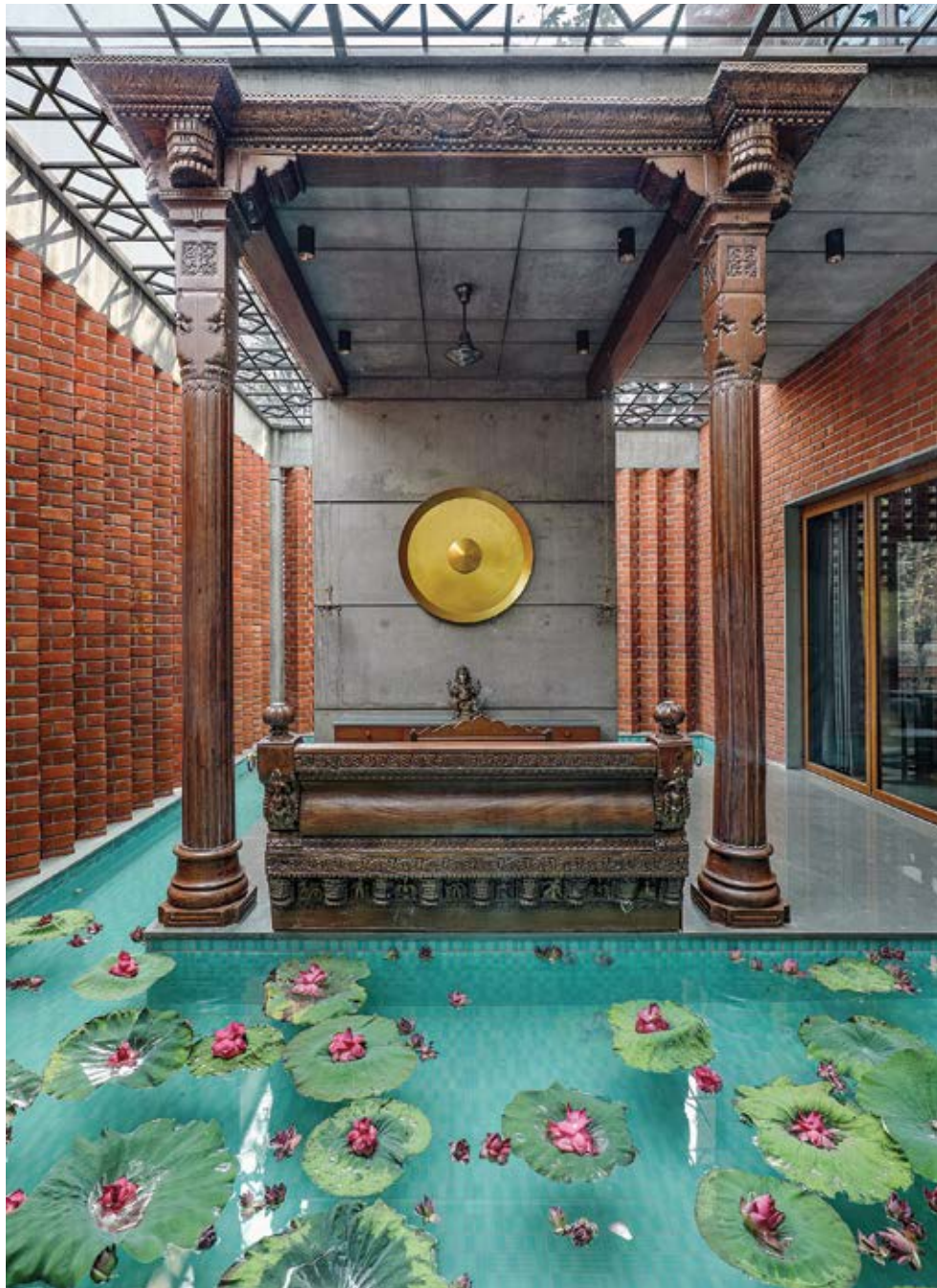
Khushalani Associates; Image: Suleiman Merchant

NOT JUST FOR PERFORMING RELIGIOUS CUSTOMS, POOJA SPACES CAN SERVE AS AREAS PERFECT FOR CONTEMPLATION AND MEDITATION. THEREFORE, EACH ADDITION TO THE SPACE SHOULD BE MADE KEEPING ITS VARIED PURPOSES IN MIND, PREFERABLY IN SOOTHING TONES.



Casa Paradox by Raseel Gujral





K.N. Associates; Image: Tejas Shah Photography

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**A GREAT WAY TO ADD VIBRANCY TO POOJA SPACES IS TO PLAY WITH COLOURS AND MATERIALS. EARTHY MATERIALS AND WALL MURALS THAT ARE ROOTED IN THE TRADITIONS OF INDIA ARE PERFECT IN THIS REGARD.**

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# Lifestyle



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# What's In & What's Out?

Our homes now are multi-purpose spaces rather than being just places to live in. This is the time we explore the in-trend colours, textures and patterns that can add character to our more-than-just-a-home space.

Words & Images: Kanak Nanda

Isolated in homes for an unexpected amount of time, we have realised that home isn't just a place to live any more – it's an office, a gym, an entertainment center, a classroom, and more – and we have started to create homes that reflect this. Painting a wall or adding some patterns or textures to our living space can instantly change their entire look and feel. The year 2021 is all about bright colours, loud patterns, bold textures and an increased desire to repair, re-purpose and recycle.





### Bright happy colours


Colour is the most important aspect of any space, saturated and juicy colours paired with much paler hues in the background make the intense colours pop and create a refreshing and happy space. Raspberry red, bright yellow and aqua blue are some accent colors which instantly uplift the mood and create an optimistic vibe for any space. Nature inspired colours like dusky pinks, mushroom browns, sage green and terracotta are the new neutrals which balance the brighter shades.

### Maximalist patterns

Patterns are getting bigger and bolder, going from minimalist to maximalist. Mix classic designs such as stripes with florals or animal prints with exotic styles such as ikat, chinoiserie, kilim and bold

graphic lines. Customised wall murals like a scenery or a beach or a memory from a particular holiday have been some of the most popular themes for a wall, since we haven't been able to travel.

### Textured walls

Textured walls help bring depth, dimension and mood to a space. If you have a smaller space, adding texture to your walls makes the room look larger and uncrowded. Using faux finishes like Marmorino, limewash or marble stucco creates a dimensional layer without feeling like there is too much of colour. Dramatic textures inspired by animal skin, botanicals, woven materials like jute, linen, etc are some of the ways to bring nature's organic textures indoor. 



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## LUXURIOUS LIVING

A monochromatic palette, gold accents and spectacular paintings adorning the walls, come together to imbue a rich allure into this home, rooted in warm and welcoming opulence.

Words: Arushi Chaturvedi | Images: Tarang Goyal





**The Home:** Parminder And Gurpreet Singh

**Location:** DLF Magnolias, Gurugram

**Area:** 4,500 Sq.ft.

**Rooms:** Living cum dining cum lounge, kitchen, master bedroom, 2 daughters' bedrooms

**Design Firm:** Lalittyia By Shivani Ayush

**Principal Designer:** Shivani Gupta

**Principal Architect:** Ayush Mittal

**Interior Execution:** Lalittyia Furniture by Shalu (Shalu Gupta)

**Decor:** Contemporary

Integrating major structural changes, Shivani Gupta and Ayush Mittal of Lalittyia by Shivani Ayush overhauled the entire aesthetic and functional appeal of this 4,500 sq.ft. apartment to better serve the needs of its owners. The DLF Magnolia home is a statement in opulent expression, that is tempered perfectly using the creative and elegant vision of the designers.

The clients, Parminder and Gurpreet Singh, wanted a dream home that would reflect all that they had been working towards. Shivani and Ayush reveal, "The couple had given us the freedom to creatively design something very much like their personalities; honest, homely and luxurious. Simply our inspiration for the house was the couple itself." The 4BHK apartment was completely reduced to its bare bones, in order to convert it into a 3BHK apartment where each charming space is in accordance with the socializing and routine requirements of the couple.





Doused in an appealing monochromatic palette, the home has been given character using the careful integration of colours in the form of art and other interior elements in every space. Right from the entrance lobby the feel of a modern Indian home is invoked here, where exquisite paintings and gold-based accents add a rich allure. These include a majestic tear drop chandelier and spiritual paintings depicting parts of the Bhagwat Gita. And as one moves further into the house, spaces like the entertainment area, the living room and the dining room flow into each other, making the space appear bigger and more interactive. Each of these areas has been given a distinct look, and yet they meld into each other seamlessly,

to the serve the couple in their ability to impress as hosts of get-togethers for loved ones.


The designers are quick to point out that the powder room in the house was the most difficult to make decisions for. Shivani explains,

“According to the Vaastu consultant the only way to get a WC in the powder room was to place it in the middle of the space and also connect to





the daughter's bedroom with an invisible door." A dash of gold and green is added to the black and white colours of the living room, so as to give this space a bold look that is simultaneously luxurious.

As for the private spaces, two separate bedrooms were combined together to create a spacious master bedroom that has a walk-through closet and a dresser area. Oracle Grey Italian marble flooring, along with the bed back partition give this room a distinct character. And the rooms of both the daughter's are given a softer look by utilizing pastel colours, while the herringbone laminated wooden flooring creates a warm space for the daughter's to grow up in. These room are a materialized reflection of the exquisite abode that has been designed to facilitate timeless memories for this family of four. 



# TASTEFULLY INSPIRED

Located in a plush locality of Hyderabad, the owners' converted their 4-bedroom home into a spacious single bedroom luxury apartment.

Research: Ruhi Singh







**The Home:** Divya and Kartekeya Myadam

**Location:** Bengaluru

**Area:** 3350 sqft

**Rooms:** Living, dining, lounge-cum-bar deck, master bedroom with his and her walk-in closet

**Decor:** Sophisticated opulence

**Design Team:** Ar P. Jayakiran (Shilpalaya Associates, Hyderabad)



## INSPIRED BY LIFE

We started our project with a motive to have a luxurious yet functional space. We drew inspiration from our journey of life. Therefore, our home is a reflection of who we are and what we love.

## THE MAJOR CHANGE


We decided to go ahead with Ar P Jayakiran to give a new face altogether for the space compared to the default layout we were provided with at the time of purchase. We converted our 4 BHK home into a spacious single bedroom luxury apartment. While planning the layout, two bedrooms were combined into a master bedroom with separate his-and-hers walk-in closets and bathroom. The third bedroom is designed as an informal audio-video lounge which connects to an indoor-outdoor bar deck and the fourth bedroom functions as a formal living space. The other areas of the home include a lift lobby, entrance foyer, living room, dining area and wet and dry kitchen. And we ensured that all the utility and other service areas are not visible from the common areas of the home.







## WELCOME HOME

An exquisite material selection and colour palette is used throughout the project to bring in an element of grandeur and create a luxe decor. We wanted an open and airy space which is not only flooded with natural light but also captures the outdoor views. Dark tones of wood have been used for the built-in wardrobes and statement pieces of furniture which provide sharp contrast to the beige Italian marble flooring. The bespoke furniture is executed with a lot of detail by Colonial Collections Mumbai in vivid shades of emerald, red, blue, green, gold, black and unique oxblood colour. The neutral palette of our home is juxtaposed with dramatic accents like artwork, feature walls in Italian marble, exquisite colours of velvet, suede and leather from Italy for the upholstery, mother of pearl inlays, a carefully sourced collection of chandeliers from Timothy Oulton London and some blown glass light fixtures from Klove Studio. 



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# A CHARMING ABODE

The 740 sqft apartment, designed by Natasha Naik of Studio Aline, is a picture of sheer elegance and vibrancy.

Words: Ruhi Singh | Images: Ishita Sitawala







**WOODEN FLOORING TILES AND SHADES OF WHITE RUN UNIFORMLY IN THE ENTIRE HOUSE GIVING IT A SENSE OF CONTINUITY. THIS ENABLED THE DESIGNERS TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT VIBES IN EACH ROOM.**

Every home speaks to the personality of its inhabitants. And who wouldn't love their place to feel a little more spacious, bright and warm? Studio Aline's recent project is a true example of designing a home with the clever usage of space and furniture. "The design of this home revolves around maximizing sunlight, minimizing clutter and forming a calm, timeless aesthetic with muted tones and subtlety," shares Natasha Naik, who co-founded the studio with Shahid Merchant. The design process started with breaking down the walls to make the space look bigger. Wooden flooring tiles and shades of white run uniformly in the entire house giving it a sense of continuity. This enabled the designers to explore different vibes in each room, yet keeping a sense of belonging in the same space. The apartment also welcomes enough sunlight and cross-ventilation from east and west facing windows. "We wanted to have mid-century inspired interiors with subtle hints of eclecticism here and there. The overall feel of the home should be timeless," says Natasha.

The existing layout of the home had divided the entry passage, kitchen and living room with two brick walls. The designers broke down the walls and added a partition made of teak wood and fluted

glass. The all-white walled living room boasts of an assortment of carefully designed furniture. The style-icon of the room is the L-shaped sofa that fits in the space beautifully and blends well with the wooden bench and the mustard yellow seat, the oval center table and the off white chair. These furniture pieces portray a poetic balance of upholstery and teak wood, and all of them stand on legs, raised from the floor to maximize the visual floor space. The small extension of the living room features a chair cum daybed, adding an additional sleeping area in the home.

The cook-house perfectly captures sunlight from the living room. The designer has given a white look to the kitchen with a composite marble countertop, the book matched Carrara marble backsplash and a white cook-top. The taupe coloured cabinets with copper handles perfectly blend in the white space. To break the monotony of this otherwise minimal space, the designers added a copper sink and faucets. The kitchen fits in it a washing machine, microwave, fridge and extended breakfast counter with bar-style seating.

The real challenge was to make the master bedroom look spacious while accommodating a red oak queen-size bed, side tables, a set of chairs and table for seating. "We went ahead with a white room,






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a white wardrobe with mirrored panels which gave the illusion of a bigger space and the wardrobe looked like a feature in itself," explains Natasha. To complement the white walls, the designers added colours through furnishings and upholstery. The suede headboard in light beige, pink velvet chairs and soft flowing curtains in two-tone colors were added to bring out a welcoming and lively feel.

The kids' room needed clever planning since the room was shared by two brothers of different ages. The designers wanted

to create a playful yet formal space that was accessible to both. The wardrobe separates the two beds, and the wooden flooring merges well with the bed and the wardrobe, seemingly increasing floor space. A huge round mirror makes the space look brighter and more spacious. A single piece of wood forms a long, tapering study table complementing the wooden handles. And the black and white striped headboards and window blinds add that much needed quirk to this space. 



## COOK WITH EASE

Dubai-based restaurant company - Passion F&B has launched a cloud kitchen in the capital with ten exciting concepts, operating under one master brand - VDeliver. The culinary head of the brand Chef Sahil Singh prepares four easy yet tasty recipes for TIHG readers that are a must-try.

Research: Ruhi Singh

## VIETNAMESE SUMMER ROLL

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 thin paper rice sheet
- 40gms lettuce
- 30gms Chinese cabbage
- 20gms carrot
- 20gms cucumber
- 10gms green onion
- 15gms cilantro and mint

### FOR SWEET & SOUR SAUCE:

- 5gms fresh red chilli
- 2ml soya sauce
- 50gms jaggery
- 20ml lemon juice
- 10gms garlic, chopped
- 5gms coriander, chopped

### METHOD

- Cut all the vegetables in a shredded style. Keep it on a side.
- For sauce, melt jaggery in a bowl keeping hot water underneath. Once it gets melted, add chopped garlic, fresh red chilli, chopped coriander and soya sauce. Let it cool and add lemon juice.
- Take a fresh bowl and shredded vegetable with sauce and mix it well.
- Take warm water and put rice paper sheets into it to get them moist. Remove them quickly by holding the sheets and not leaving them in water.
- Take the sheet on a surface and put the mixture on it. Wrap it nicely and relish!





# BLACK GOLD PIZZA

## INGREDIENTS

- 80gms cheese
- 20gms fresh basil
- 10gms garlic
- 10ml Extra virgin olive oil
- 10gms fresh oregano
- 100gms wild mushroom ragu
- 400 gms fresh mozzarella
- 1 gold leaf
- 50gms 00 flour
- 10gms salt
- 10gms yeast
- 10ml oil
- 100ml water
- 10gms charcoal powder
- 10ml white truffle oil
- 1kg pilate tomato
- 100gms onion
- 10gms garlic
- 10gms salt
- 10gms pepper
- 10gms sugar
- 10ms basil
- 10gms chilli flakes
- 10ml olive oil

## METHOD

- Prepare the dough by combining flour, salt, yeast oil, water and charcoal powder in the given quantity.
- Place a pizza stone in the oven and preheat to 500°F or preheat your pizza oven.
- Slice the mozzarella into 1/4 inch thick pieces. If it's incredibly watery fresh mozzarella (all brands vary), you may want to let it sit on a paper towel to remove moisture for about 15 minutes then dab the mozzarella with the paper towel to remove any additional moisture.
- When the oven is ready, stretch the dough into a circle. Sprinkle the pizza peel with semolina flour or cornmeal, then carefully place the dough on top. Spread the pizza sauce across the dough. Top with mozzarella cheese and other toppings.
- If you're baking in a pizza oven, add the basil leaves. For baking in a standard oven, add the basil leaves after you bake (the leaves turn black in a standard oven).
- Transfer the pizza to the pizza stone on the pizza peel, then bake until the cheese is melted, about 7 minutes in the oven (or 1 minute in the pizza oven). Slice into pieces and serve immediately.





# CHONQUING CHICKEN

## INGREDIENTS

- 4 chicken thighs
- 20gms red chilies, dry
- 1 and 1/2tbsp sichuan oil
- 1tsb seasoning with broth .
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 spring onion, cut into dices.
- 1tsp sugar
- 1tbsp sesame seeds
- 10 gms chili paste
- 5ml soya sauce
- Pinch of salt
- Chicken broth powder
- Chinese cooking wine
- Cooking oil for frying

## FOR MARINATION

- 1tbsp soy sauce
- ¼tsp white pepper powder
- 2tsp cornstarch (optional)
- Pinch of salt

## METHOD

- Cut the dried red chilies into dices.
- Remove the bone from chicken thigh and cut into dices. In a large bowl, marinate the diced chicken. Mix well and set aside for around 10 minutes.
- Heat the oil in wok or pan for deep-frying. Heat oil until hot. Add the chicken and fry until golden brown. Transfer into a fresh plate. It is recommended using a pan and fry the chicken in batches.
- Get a clean wok and add 1/2 tsp of oil and then sauté dried red chili and chopped garlic over slow fire until it becomes dark red. Add Sichuan oil and spring onion.
- Now add the fried chicken and roasted white sesame seeds, chili paste, sugar, chicken broth powder, soya sauce, salt and chopped spring onion. Mix well and finish with Chinese cooking wine and serve





# HARA BHARRA KEBAB

## INGREDIENTS

- 300gms spinach
- 60gms green peas
- 15gms ghee
- 3gms green chilli
- 2g ginger
- 2gms garlic

## FOR TEMPERING

- 40gms ghee
- 3gms garlic
- 3gms green chilli paste
- 1gm kasoori methi
- 1 gm garam masala

## FOR STUFFING

- 2gms pine nuts
- 15gms hung curd
- 1gm green chilli

## METHOD

- Clean and pluck the spinach leaves. Add them in a large pot of water. Rest it for a while then rinse well. Repeat rinsing thrice and drain them to a colander and drain the excess water.
- Take a pan and add ghee, ginger, garlic, green chili and spinach, and sauté till tender. Add green peas. Sauté all in medium-high flame for 4-5 minutes till soft and add kasoori methi.
- Cool it completely and transfer all sautéed ingredient along with green coriander into a grinder jar. Ensure there is no water in coriander leaves otherwise the puree will be too moist.
- Now take a pan, add desi ghee and pour the puree. Add salt, green chili paste and saute till the moisture evaporates. Now add cardamom powder, gram flour and kewra water.
- Make 5 equal balls and stuff them with pine nuts, hung curd and green chilli.



# SUCCULENTLY YOURS

From glossy pages to being all over Instagram, succulents surely are all the rage right now. If you are planning to add these beauties to your home and are a newbie, Vinayak Garg of LazyGardener suggests dos and don'ts to make your succulents thrive



LazyGardener

Succulents are some of the cutest plants to host in your house but at the same time these li'l babies are very delicate to manage. India hosts diversified climates, from the cold North to the hot South, where miscellaneous succulent species can happily thrive. Most succulents are native to the United States Of America, Africa, Mediterrean, and Southeast Asia. Succulents are majorly water plants that need proper pampering and adequate care. If you are a new plant parent and have suffered the loss of at least a few succulents, you can relate to the feeling vividly. Considering the fact that these plants can die on us, treating them with the right amount of care is a serious topic to explore. Digging deeper into the topic, let's take you first through basic succulent maintenance tips before you bring home another pretty plant.





### **Succulents need plenty of sunlight**

Succulents need sunlight and they indeed cannot be termed as indoor plants. It must come to you as a surprise but succulents are actually outdoor plants. They require almost 12 hours of sunlight. Surprised enough? The major reason why people consider succulent as an indoor plant is because of its similarity to cacti. So even if you wish to decorate your indoors with these tiny and pretty plants, make sure to give them a few hours of sunlight everyday.

### **Succulents can survive in any soil**

Succulents need well-draining soil. Most plant parents believe that succulents are low-maintenance plants and hence, they can grow on any soil. Although it is true that succulents don't require peculiar attention but they do need well-draining soil to thrive. And by well-draining, we mean draining up to the bottom level of the pot. Placing pebbles on top of the soil is not a great option to drain the water well. Also, make sure the soil is grainy and not sticky.


### **Succulents don't need constant hydration**

Most people believe that succulents need to be watered weekly, but in all honesty, they don't need to be watered until they are bone-dry. Succulents rarely die from the scarcity of water and, in fact hate moisture. Considering the bright climate in India, we tend to believe all houseplants need water at least once a week. But when it comes to succulent maintenance, they need to be watered only when it is utmost necessary. Remember succulents have water stored as sap inside their leaves, which they use in desperate situations. So basically, succulents can be your ideal way to promote the 'save water campaign'.

### **A lil sprinkle can make them crinkle**

When we talk about succulent maintenance, it is not just the amount of water you put but also the technique of watering that matters. It is a standard practice to spray water on the leaves of plants as it cleans the leaves and makes them look fresh. But this rule unfortunately does not apply to succulents. In fact, if you spray water on succulent leaves, the chances are that they will not be able to bear the moisture and will wither and fall off!

### **Succulents also enjoy nutrition bars just like us**

While succulents boast of their fuss-free title, they require nutrients just as much as other plants. By nutrition bars we are not referring to the cumbersome process of mixing manure and soil. Always remember, a healthy and well-fed succulent lasts much longer than the poorly nourished. Lastly Happy Gardening and don't forget to be lazy while doing so. 



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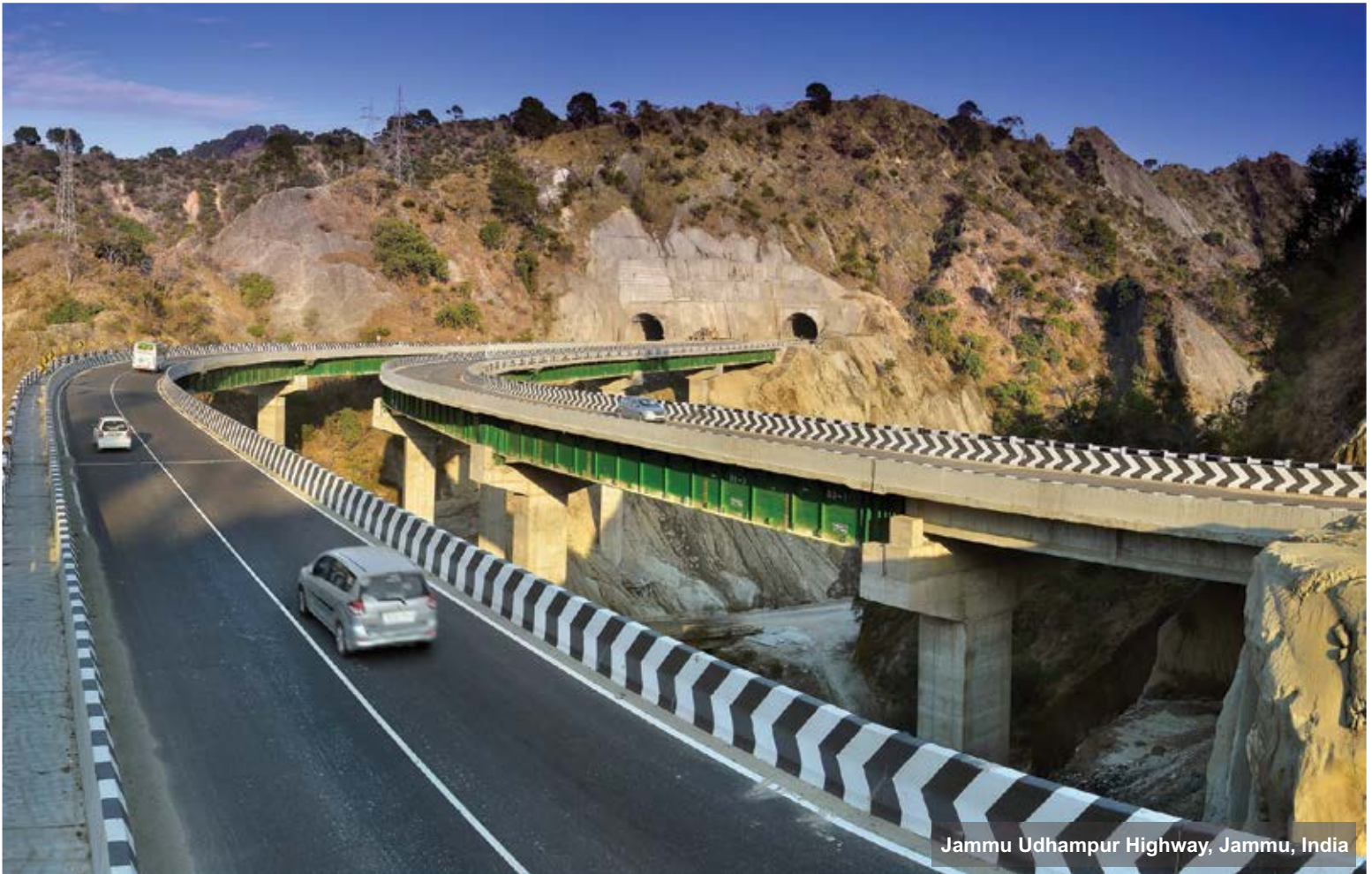
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