

DIWALI SPECIAL

Home furnishing: From weird to wow



A beautifully designed house is nothing short of a style statement. With Diwali just round the corner, it's the perfect opportunity to redecorate your home according to the trends of this season. **Mekhla Singh** writes...

Decorating a house is akin to choosing what clothes to wear; while the latter enhances your physical beauty, the former – when done with precision – enhances the beauty of your home. A beautifully decorated interior exudes a feeling of warmth and speaks volumes about the owner. Despite this, most people take interiors for granted, barely noticing the colours and textures they are made of.

Talking about the interior decoration trends, actress and interior designer Twinkle Khanna, The White Window, says, "Use basic hues which are softer and easier on the eye, yet opt for an ambience that is comfortable and cosy, pay attention to accessories. Incorporate elements such as candles, art work and pay attention to kids' decor."

With Diwali giving you the perfect opportunity, why not style your house in a way that everything in it says 'you'?

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FURNITURE

While wood has always been considered to be the most important base for furniture, the trend of substituting it with plastic and steel is soon catching up. Well-chiselled furniture is too being replaced by distressed furniture which looks as if it's been around for centuries.

Agrees Twinkle Khanna, "Distressed furniture has definitely been trending over the regular polished surface, it has a vintage appeal and is eco-friendly as well. Intricate detailing on oxidised metallic bed frames and seaters is definitely in. Grey is still the pre-dominating colour in interiors."

SOFT FURNISHING

Having a fair sense of what would look good when placed in stark contrast with the other aspects is important.

"Deck the sofa with throw cushions available in a wide variety of prints and colours. Instead of going for a drastic change, keep the blinds, bed linen and curtains from the same family if unsure. Nudes and Greys have a strong neutral undertone. To add some

drama, try colour blocking or metallic print on the accessories. Add rugs and carpets in the home spaces for a cosy ambience," says Twinkle.

ACCESSORIES

The plethora of home decor accessories available makes the job of sprucing up your dream home very easy. With the trend of adding vintage photo frames to walls, make sure you too add the same in your own house to add a touch of the old school to your place.

"There has to be one element of uniqueness to bring that oomph factor

and make a statement. French cut glass is an all time favourite. Cane baskets, vintage clocks and metallic down lighters are all we shall see this season," says Hasmeet Sandhu, Design Creek House.

WALLS AND TILES

Walls and tiles play a very important role in adding charm to the entire look. "This season add a touch of élan by opting for a statement wall, maybe you can choose the various textured paints available in the market or opt for a patterned wall paper," added Khanna.

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