



Diwali Fervour: Celebrating Diwali with Festive Treats

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We all know what this time of the year signifies! It's the season of festivities! This means a time to bring in something new or change something old or maybe spring clean! The festive season is the perfect time to bring in new elements to your home. From simple changes like adding a little colour to your upholstery or even refurbishing your furniture this season is synonymous with new things. This season brings with it an explosion of colours as everywhere you look there is an array of vibrancy. The best part is that you can play with almost every possible element in your room.

Read on to find out how, from humble cushions to towering walls, you can customise almost everything to give your home a magnificent look.

Bold is beautiful



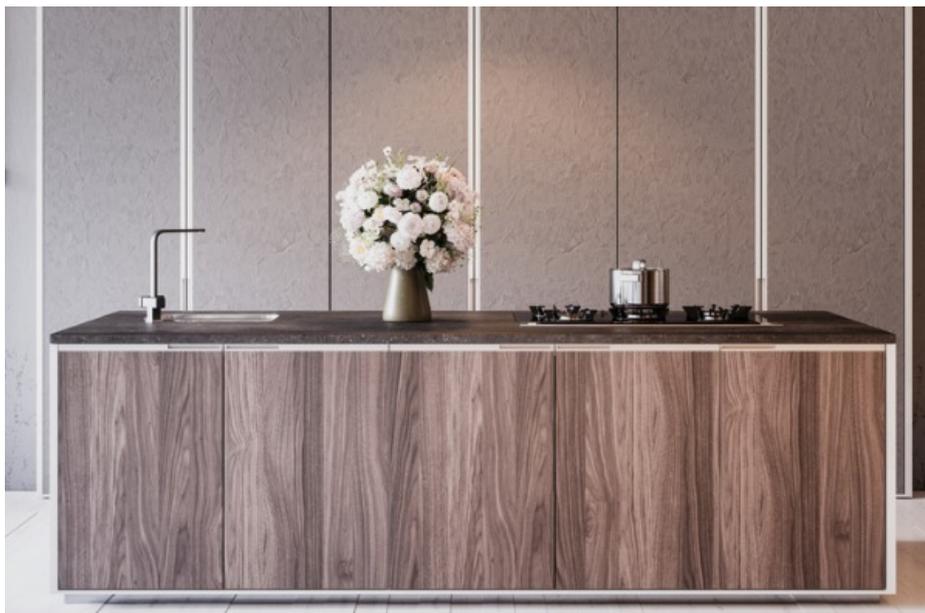
Ever thought that bold can be the new gold for you this festive season? There are endless choices when it comes to experimenting with colours to get that distinct and bold look.

There are two approaches to selecting colours for your home. You can always take the subtle-simple road with muted and earthy shades, and a pastel palette would work beautifully with these.

Make sure to add an eccentric element by adding a touch of bold colour in the form of dark and mystical shades of grey. Besides adding a statement look to the room, this mysterious grey will bind the look together. The second option is to go down the flamboyant and fabulous avenue and choose bright shades.

Hues such as rich oranges, deep yellows, and flame reds will make your home come alive with exuberance. An ivory coloured sofa set and a centre table with a silver laminate surface finished with rustic orange raw silk cushion covers will give your living room a regal and noble look.

All that glitter is not gold!



Who doesn't love a bit of silver, gold or copper? Make your home shine with veneers in herringbone patterns that are designed and created ingeniously for this festive season. Veneers have the tendency to emit silver and gleam when they are put under light that can give your space a unique radiance.

Why restrict yourself with just walls and accessories when you can add that bling to your furniture as well? A dull gold

antique bar opposite an attractive, understated brown countertop will give sophistication and grace to the entire vision.

This season has brought back the trend of velvets. Pair velvets with silver and watch your room shine like a diamond! Another option is to try mixing an emerald green velvet sofa with a coffee table that has a silver coloured laminate top as embellishments. If you are not a fan of gold and silver, maybe copper can open new doors for you!

The use of copper colour laminates give your space a cultural hue, and you can pair them with all white furniture pieces as well.

Wood you dare?



Wood has always been a classic choice and will remain an all-time favourite in the coming years as well. While it can make your home look traditional, why not change it up a bit? Go for tan grey real wood floors paired with a Persian floral rug under your coffee table to make it look distinct and edgy.

Wooden stairs have become a statement piece too. Dark wooden stairs leading up to the gallery or to your door, which is decorated with candles, can be a subtle way to bring that festive vibe to your house. Veneers are also quite popular in the industry and give you a bit of flexibility to experiment with your space. They can be applied to various surfaces and practically transform the subject.

You can also upgrade to engineered real wood floors as there are a lot of options in terms of colours and shades of the wood in the market. With these many options, you are bound to find your creative soul and adorn your house with dreamlike ornamentations.

So, this season, let your festive heart be reflected in your decorated home and become the envy of your neighbours. Experimenting with a little mix and match is the perfect way to achieve a home of your dreams. Let yourself be creative, let it shine, let it be you!

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