

## 'Tis the season to style

As celebrations unfold through the month, home décor steps into its most joyful role, setting the mood for gathering and togetherness

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December arrives like a soft drumbeat. The air carries the promise of reunions, laughter spills more easily, and homes quietly prepare to host stories that will be remembered long after the last fairy light is switched off. With Christmas dinners, year-end house parties and New Year countdowns shaping the calendar, this season turns homes into the true heart of every celebration. But making a home 'celebration ready' today isn't about dramatic makeovers or hurried shopping sprees. It's about thoughtful refinements that reflect both the season and the people who live inside.

"They say a home reflects who you are, a canvas for your moods, memories, and moments. As the year winds down, it's not just walls or rooms that deserve a rethink, our spaces do too," says Parul Mittal, director, Greenlens Industries. "The year-end glow-up isn't about doing more, it's about doing it better. A few intentional updates, a touch of texture, and a hint of glamour can make your home feel renewed and ready for a new beginning," adds Mittal.

Instead of temporary décor that feels detached from everyday life, homeowners are choosing elements that blend into their routines long after the credits are cleared. Think layered lighting instead of harsh white bulbs, cozy corners instead

of cluttered party zones, and décor that feels lived in rather than staged.

### SETTING THE MOOD

One of the biggest changes shaping living homes today is colour confidence. Neutral spaces are being warmed up with seasonal accents including sage greens, muted golds, terracotta reds, and soft champagne tones. Mittal notes that this year's festive palette is drawn equally from memory and modernity.

"This season, interior design trends are being shaped by culture and con-

versation. Home design today mirrors the quality we see in pop culture. Nostalgia blending with modern minimalism, and simplicity enhanced by layers of texture," Mittal says.

In practical terms, this translates into sage green walls paired with bold, heavy wood furniture, metallic accents that add understated shimmer, and tactile surfaces that visually soften a space. These choices allow living rooms to shift effortlessly from weekday calm to weekend celebration, without looking overdone.

Curtains, too, play a starring role. Custom covers in velvet and linen, table runners with soft metallic threads, and layered rugs create instant warmth. They also allow easy seasonal swaps, a subtle way to signal festivity without permanent changes.

### SPACES THAT WELCOME

Celebration-ready homes today are less about show and more about flow. Furniture is being rearranged to encourage conversation rather than visual symmetry. Extra seating appears in the form of pouffes, ottomans, and floor cushions. Coffee tables become flexible surfaces for candles, grazing boards, and that inevitable stack of plates during parties.

Lighting is where many homes quietly transform. String lights spill from balconies into living rooms, table lamps replace ceiling glare, and warm-toned



as an extension of personal style rather than just utility.

"The bathroom has become the new centrepiece of the home, a space that reflects personal style as much as any living area," says Rajesh Oak, managing director, South Asia, Kohler. "Consumers now want bathrooms that feel expressive, meaningful, and deeply individual. They want showers that respond to how they live and how they want to feel," shares Oak.

bulbs set the mood for long conversations that stretch just past midnight. The idea is to make guests linger, not just arrive.

Scent is another silent but powerful element. From cinnamon and pine to citrus and vanilla, festive fragrances instantly reset the emotional temperature of a space, creating a sense of warmth for the moment one walks in.

This growing attention to comfort now extends across every corner of the home, including spaces once seen as purely functional. Bathrooms, for instance, are increasingly being treated

The shift shows up in small but thoughtful upgrades such as plush towels, ambient lighting, aromatic candles, statement mirrors, and fixtures that blend design with comfort. During celebrations, when guests move through every part of a home, these details quietly reinforce the idea of thoughtful hosting.

### QHITY CHANGES, THE MOOD

What truly defines a celebration-ready home today is restraint. Instead of one grand gesture, it's a series of small decisions. Decluttering a corner to create space for movement, switching and layering drapes for lighter ones, coating books and candles on a side table, or updating a dining setup for shared meals.

There is also a growing emotional awareness behind these choices. Homes are no longer styled just for social media moments, but for real ones. Spontaneous laughter, unplanned conversations, children falling asleep on sofas after midnight fireworks, family legging over the last slice of cake.

As Mittal aptly puts it, "Design, at its core, is an extension of who we are." In December, that extension becomes warmer, softer, and more generous. The beauty of preparing homes for the season lies not just in decoration, but in intention. It's about creating spaces that hold both reflection and anticipation.

### FEEL-GOOD HOMES

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- As homes gear up for winter get-togethers, Lokendra Kumar, co-founder and CEO, WoodenKart, suggests styling spaces the way you'd style yourself:
- Begin with calm neutrals: Warm beige, sage and sand tones create an elegant base that lets festive accents shine while staying timeless for everyday living.
- Layer in texture: Wood, soft stone or fabric like finishes add warmth and depth, making spaces feel richer and more inviting.

