



Vintage and antique pieces create an amalgamation of time and age.

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F YOU'RE of the opinion that the only way to jazz up a home is by investing in some expensive home décor pieces, well, we beg to differ. With the right vision and minimal touches as well as an understanding of space, design and technique, you can renovate your home with ease. That said, not everyone is blessed with a creative mind. Some of us need to take a cue from Pinterest boards, celebrity homes or even experts who have a knack to revamp homes. Thankfully, we have access to a few from the set that has the expertise when it comes to apartment therapy. Read on as Zest gives you a few pointers on some of the home décor additions you need, that will help you glam up your space in a jiffy.

**TRANSFORM YOUR SPACE WITH ACCENTS**

It is important that the add-ons in your apartment reflect your persona, and match your style and mood. For instance, avid readers can incorporate their favourite hard-covers not just as keepsakes but also as décor pieces. Saniya Kantawala, principal designer at Saniya Kantawala Design mentions, "From an aesthetic point of view, it can never hurt to have a few great coffee table books stocked in shelves, nooks and table tops."

If nostalgia gives you a feeling of being at home, opt for pieces that have a vintage appeal. "Antiques such as an old telephone or clock, a family heirloom, wooden furniture, rare stones, natural fabrics, or even textured porcelain vases create an amalgamation of time and age. These also give a classic and timeless look. Modernity with a touch of antiquity makes for such a statement," Kantawala concludes.

According to Anika Mittal Dhawan, founder and director of Mold Design Studio, it is important to keep scale and proportion in mind when placing décor items. She says, "Accessories such as vases, photo frames, mirrors, colourful cushions, and more, can all facilitate the rejoicing of perspective. That said, creating the correct balance and de-jumbling is significant."

temporary. Mughda Bhagchandka, creative lead at Hermosa Design Studio agrees, "This season, we have seen a move towards more natural materials such as stone, copper, concrete, granite, and such resources. Elements made of these bring a relaxed and natural feel to the space while still keeping in mind the design aesthetics of the home owner."

**LIGHT UP YOUR HOUSE IN STYLE**

The who's who of the world of interiors will agree that the perfect lighting can make all the difference in a room. Dhawan says, "Accent lighting such as pendant lights, floor lamps or table lamps play a major role in defining a space in order for it to grasp its elusive identity — its ability to be perceived and understood by the intense emotions of the users."

She mentions that a chandelier on top of a dining table, a light in the corner, above a side table or an interesting floor lamp with warm lighting, can impart a pleasant character to any space. Kantawala concurs, "Lighting sets the mood for a space and can instantly transform the home." She also adds that the beauty of good decorative light lies in its design, "In a statement chandelier, a modern floor lamp or even a table lamp, the design of the fixture and the amount of light can make all the difference."



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# Renovate your abode in style

Looking to upgrade your apartment and make it picture perfect? These décor tips and recommendations from top-notch interior designers will help you stylishly upgrade your home. By Simi Kuriakose

**INCORPORATE NATURAL MATERIALS**

It is a relief that every domain be it fashion, art or even interiors, is making a move towards using natural materials. Materials like stone, copper, granite, among others, are not just timeless in texture but also bring about a perfect balance of traditional and con-

**SAY YES TO PLANTS**

An easy way to add a touch of nature to your home is by keeping indoor plants. "These add life and colour to the living area. In fact, indoor plants help improve air quality and create a relaxed environment. Bigger plants with a luscious foliage help create an indoor-outdoor connectivity," says Dhawan. She adds that you can use indoor plants to make composition and scale more enthralling.

A trend-setting factor, according to Bhagchandka, is the addition of bold colours and richer hues to mundane and muted spaces. "These give the room an instant pop and warmth," she says. Dhawan suggests incorporating coloured pots to the room, as it helps enhance the happiness quotient of any space. She concludes, "Try DIY by using spare items from the home as pots."



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**3, 6 & 8.** Mold Design Studio's Anika Mittal Dhawan wants you to keep scale and proportion in mind when placing décor items.