



Laybe it's the universe's way of telling us to slow down, urging us to take a step back, and appreciate what we have, instead of chasing mindless pursuits! Maybe it's nature's ruse to get us to listen to the silence.

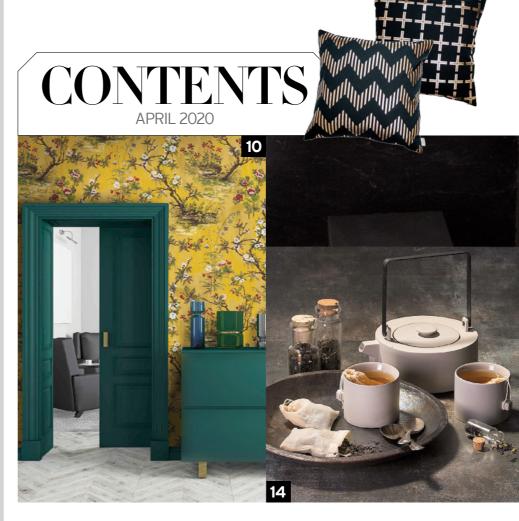
Maybe I should just stop deciphering the ways of nature, and appreciate this unexpected time at home!

My days are more stressful than it ever used to be. I'm on my toes, cooking, cleaning, feeding, working, the days seem endless. While I long to get back to normalcy, my eight-month is blissfully unaware of the chaos around him. He's happy that his mother is around to pick him up every time he squeaks, he's ecstatic that his dad is there to pamper him. And my only joy from all this is perhaps, I would see him take his first step, or hear him say his first word.

This time at home has taught all of us a valuable lesson – to appreciate and soak in the small, simple joys of life. Everything else is optional.

Let's send out a silent prayer, or rather apology to the Universe. Let's pray for things to get back to normal. Until then, we urge you to Stay Home, Stay Inspired with us!





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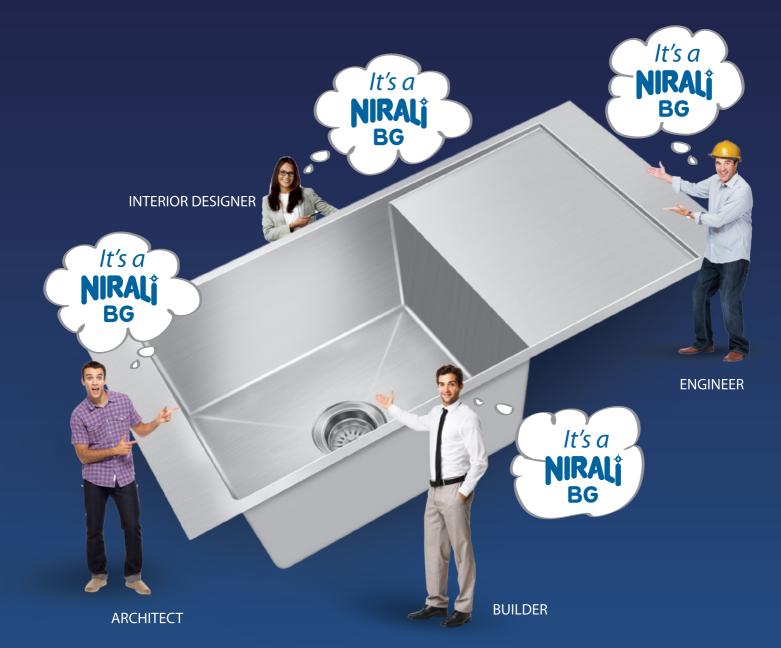
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For someone who has always been homeward bound, literally and figuratively, this lockdown means the world to me. Apart from the socio-economic crumbling and the mammoth strain on our public and medical services, this down time is perhaps the best thing to have happened to us in years. Pollution levels are down, Earth is healing, and Nature seems to be smiling again, albeit in slow motion.

However, my reasons are slightly more individual-driven and selfish. For one, everyone is home, without exceptions, and there's only that much time you can spend on your phones, computers and gaming devices. At some point, you will turn to the people around you. There will be no choice left but to make your peace and refocus your attention on the bonds that you had taken for granted.

Case in point: My mother and I.

My mother has never been able to understand what I do for a living. She loves the magazine, but she's never been able to understand what I "do" within the system. And all our conversations on the subject end with her blank stare and my exasperated head shake. It's been 20 years (yes, I started working on April 17, 2000) that she's been flipping through magazines that I've written for and edited, without really "understanding" what I do. Last week, post the country-wide lockdown, my mother finally got a chance to educate herself on the subject of my job. Every morning, she's been sitting quietly on the couch next to my window seat, and soaking in the organised chaos of my workday, no questions asked. And I'm loving it.

I have to say, I feel a different kind of proud to be able to work from home. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate being ABLE to keep an eye on my family, knowing that I'm accessible to my children as opposed to constantly hanging up on their noisy phone calls earlier. While I'm totally looking forward to getting back to the office, I do take a moment each day to be grateful for this unexpected kind of homecoming as well.

To all of you, I'd like to say welcome home! And that we're happy to be there with you, on inspiration duty.

RONITAA ITALIA Editor in Chief

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# WE'VE GOT MAIL!

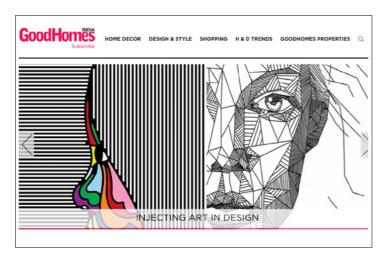




#### **FABULOUS ONLINE**

So, I must confess, I do not subscribe to GoodHomes (yet), as I get to read all this amazing content on your website, www.goodhomes.co.in. I really love reading about the homes that get posted on the site...they are so inspirational, in the way they look and the way they function. I'm always amazed with the quality on the website, it's workable. So, thank you for that. I recently got a hold of the physical March copy of GoodHomes, and guys, I can't believe I've been missing out on so much. I'm going to subscribe, now. Thank you for giving me reason to pick up a book and read, again!

— Sonal Menon, Chennai



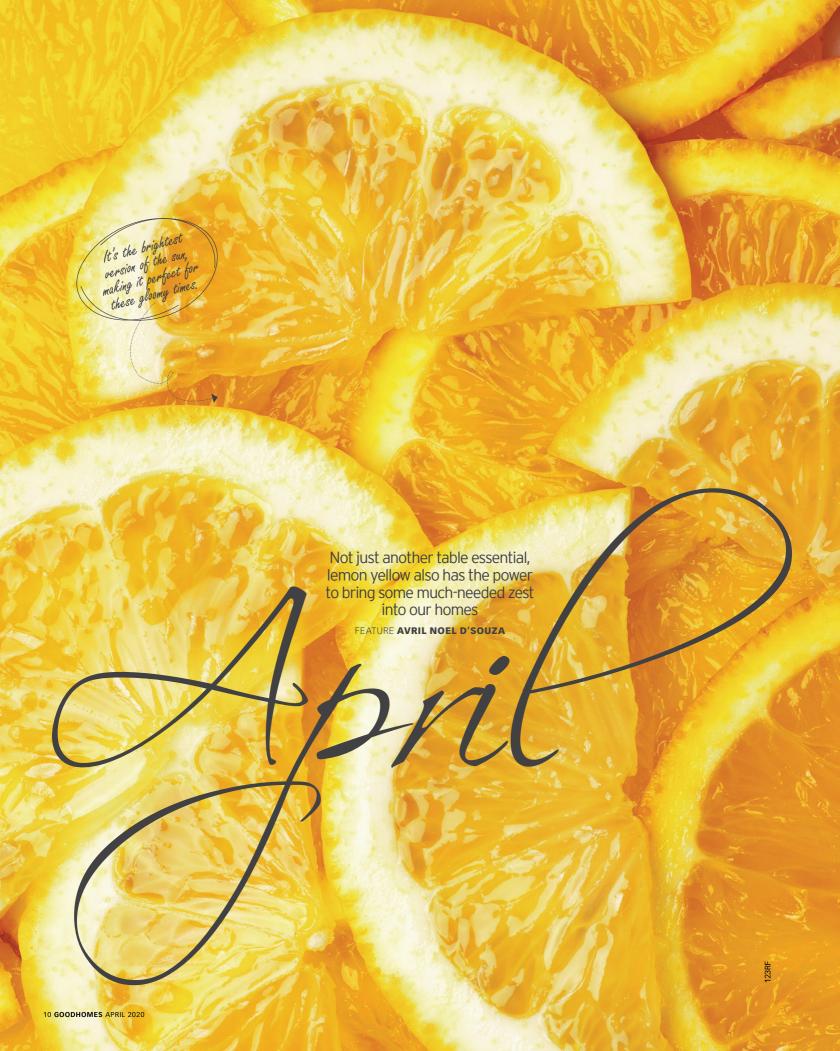
We can't tell you, how glad we are to hear this. The website certainly is packed with great information for your daily perusal. In lieu of the recent heath scare, we've packing the website with more engaging content. Do have a look, let us know your thoughts on.

#### CELEBRATING GREY

I love colour, and I love how the magazine features homes that celebrate colours. Having said that, I am amazed with how soothing and vibrant the home by FADD is. It took me by surprise how grey could bring such joy to a home. Thank you for compiling such a varied scheme of homes for your readers. It inspires me to think out of my comfort zone, and perhaps paint a wall here or there, a cement grey.

#### - Vinita Chaudhary, Pune

You know, we will be honest with you...the Sushi Home by FADD design studio took us by surprise as well. We've always been fans of the work by Farah and Dhaval, but this was next level, and we couldn't be more chuffed that they chose GoodHomes to present it to the world. Thank you for appreciating our homes curation, we try our best to bring to our readers a diverse palette every issue. On a sidenote, your idea of painting the walls grey sounds interesting too. Do share your home photographs with us, we are always eager to see what our readers are up to.





We want to bring a smile to your face. And lemon yellow is what we immediately thought of. It's a great accent colour, and even works wonders as a full scale wall colour or core element of your wallpaper and furnishings.



#### PINTEREST

It brings a fresh perspective to our interiors, and this Pinterest grab is giving us major inspo. What do you think?





Chaplins Furniture. 8 Line-up vase\*, Animi Causa. 9 Empress striped vase\*, AUDENZA. 10 Chevron and blocks cushion covers\*, Penelope Home. \*PRICE ON REQUEST. Shopping Guide on Pg 52

#### THE INSPIRATION

# THE DESIGN YARDSTICK

Depending on the application - horizontal, vertical or zigzag, you can really flex your design chops with this evergreen pattern. It's been around for ages, but we are seeing a sudden revival of stripes in avant garde and bold interpretations.



MINDTHEGAF

Thick stripes in pastel or power hues lend themselves to a traditional narrative and are perfect for design statements for backrests, wallpapers, upholstery, etc. On the other hand, a modern marriage of colours is great for the ceiling or staircase.

#### FIND THE PERFECT

#### texture



1 Rug\*, KSL Living. 2 Wallpaper\*, Mindthegap. 3 Rug\*, Covet House.

#### **HOT RIGHT NOW**



1 Vine rack from the Alice Collection\*, Arttdinox. 2 Eucalyptus artefact\*, IDUS. 3 Crystal fab\*, Anemos. 4 Ayaana ceramic vase\*, The Golden Triangle. 5 Hibiscus chair\*, BARO. 6 Magnolia sofa by SICIS\*, Sources Unlimited. 7 Coconut palm pickers cushion cover by Safomasi\*, Iqrup+Ritz. \*Prices on Request Shopping Guide on Pg 52



# PRECIOUS MEMORIES 🖈

With the sheen of silver and glam of gold, the Winsome Baby collection by Izhaar makes for the perfect gift for a new mother. Designed by Ruchita Bansal, these cute little things make for precious memories.



**Tea Story** 

If you're someone who loves to experiment with different types of tea, then exquisite tea accessories by Teabox are going to be your newest obsession



Launch Pad

New launches, everything hot, whatever's not.... We tell you first!

FEATURE SEEMA SREEDHARAN



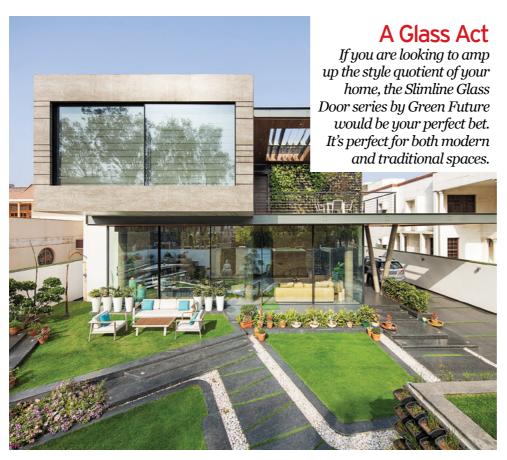


#### Checkmate

Muse - The Store has always had a well-curated collection of knickknacks ranging from interesting gifting options to serveware. This time what caught our eye was this elegant game of chess. Wish we'd laid our hands on it just before we hit lockdown!

Lladro figurines always bring a smile to your faces. Nothing different with this cute little bulldog with a lollypop. Don't miss the detailing on the lollypop!

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# SPRING FLING A Block your calendar for the

Block your calendar for the anticipated IHGF Delhi Fair spring edition which is going to be held between 15th to 19th April 2020. The five-day extravaganza boasts of products and trend specific home Et, velique mos solorumque maximi, odipsus nos consedit fuga.

#### ALL ABOUT LUXURY ❤

Presenting the Metamorphosis Console Table by Boca do Lobo, the epitome of exquisite craftmanship and luxury! A conversation starter it is.





#### **DECOR DIARY**

#### Easy Charm Clove by Samyukta

Clove by Samyukta
Nair is now available
at Freedom Tree. This
is also her debut decor
collection. We are
drooling over the subtle







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#### HEALTH¥ CONSCIOUS

The Nutriart Cold Press Slow Juicer is just what every modern kitchen needs. It's perfect for the health conscious who prefer freshly squeezed juices over store-bought ones. And to add to that, its sleek design is a sight for the sore eye.





# **Kitchens&Bathrooms**

The latest on the not-so-small wonders that make our lives so much simpler

FEATURE SEEMA SREEDHARAN



#### Dine Out ≪

an unmistakable air of opulence. We are ready

to sink in!

Asia's 50 Best **Restaurants recently** announced Masque, Mumbai as the winner for the prestigious Miele One to Watch award. Launched in 2016 by Prateek Sadhu in partnership with entrepreneur and coowner Aditi Dugar, Masque distinguishes itself as the first finedining, farm-to-table restaurant to introduce the tasting menu-only concept to India.

#### Light Weight V

How do you maintain your diet if you can't let go of the fried goodies. Do not fret, Philips Air Fryer is here to share your guilt, making fried food a little less evil than they actually are!



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# Smita Thapar & Moksh Thapar REINVENTING TRADITION

The artist duo Is committed to creating art that heals and empowers spaces

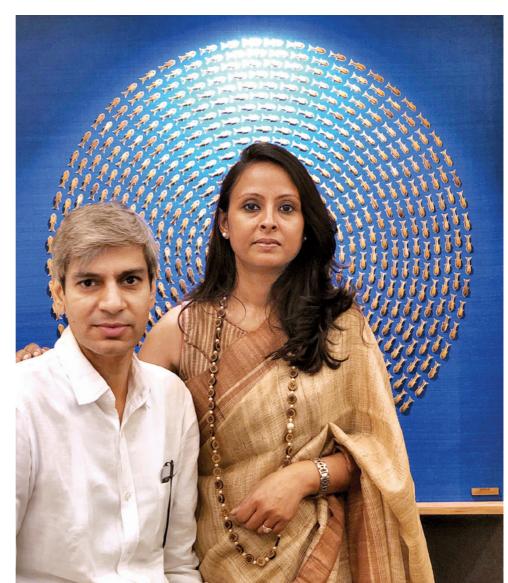
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fter practising independently for over a decade, and solving issues of form, function and aesthetics, both Smita and Moksh Thapar came to the realisation that the impact through design on the user's life could and should be far deeper and personal than it was. "We realised that the addition of a layer of art over our designs would bridge the gap. And we chose wood as our medium due to its impeccable versatility," informs Moksh.

"We were moved by the callous treatment of wood, simply because of its abundance," adds his partner Smita. "It is this commitment to creating meaningful design, and celebrating wood, that led to the inception of Studio smitamoksh — a research, design and manufacturing studio committed to designing wood products."

Both Smita and Moksh view design not just as designers but as philosophers, always seeking a greater meaning in what they are trying to achieve.

"We are seekers before designers. At every juncture in our professional journey, our introspection always led us to revisit our traditional roots. At Studio smitamoksh, we try to explore the inherent wisdom of heritage, arts and crafts which have evolved through the continuous interaction of human life with nature. We design by using the intelligence of nature with technology, making it our mission



We have always believed in creating products that don't just follow a traditional craft, but bring forth the essence of the craft and its tradition.

- Smita Thapar, Co-Founder, Studio smitamoksh

Our endeavour is to delve deeper into ancient wisdom, to bring forth a honed and simplified essence of human spirituality to uplift people's environments.

— **Moksh Thapar,** Co-Founder, Studio smitamoksh

to tap into traditional wisdom and celebrate it in today's context," elucidates Moksh.

For the designer duo, its all about creating art that heals and empowers spaces, by choosing subjects that can uplift the connection between the mind and the soul. "Our endeavour is to provide the viewer a complete spiritual experience while viewing our art," explains Smita.

For instance, in their Uttarayan 2020 Collection, they explored the traditional Pichhwai craft and identified its connection to the Vedic wisdom of Japyog (chanting). This gave them enough information to be able to create a positive resonance through visuals. They refer to it as the 'Visual Jap'.

Their interpretation, their vision, and the effect it has on the onlooker is obvious. It is difficult not to get lured into the world of intricate patterns, motifs, colours and narratives.

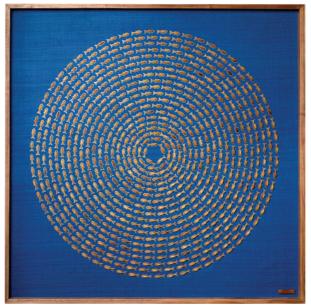
Ask them who is the thinker and who the creator, and Smita says, "Our partnership is the perfect pairing of a visionary and missionary, which the two of us have felt in our dynamic for the last few decades. Moksh's rich cultural background, in-depth knowledge of mythology, sharp and systemic analytical mind aids his passion to create a holistic vision."

"Smita conceives this vision into reality with her skills and extraordinary ability to visualise and create," Moksh is quick to add 🖽









WE USE THE PROWESS OF TECHNOLOGY TO BRING OUT THE INTRICACIES OF TRADITIONAL WISDOM.







# Priyanka Narula ANEWNARRATIVE

Architect and designer Priyanka Narula endeavours to bridge the gap between computational design and craftsmanship

FEATURE SEEMA SREEDHARAN

riyanka Narula, the force behind Prelab Design Studio and The Wicker Story, is synonymous with weaving wicker into the contemporary Indian design lexicon. Whether it's the Imli bench or the Lifafa Chair, or retail design for Exotic Blooming Teas, Priyanka has always aimed at bridging the gap between computational design and craftsmanship. "From the time we launched Prelab Design Studio around seven years ago, we've been struggling between finding an identity, environmental sustainability, digital advancements in design and running a financially viable practise. I think, now, with both Prelab Design Studio and The Wicker Story, we are working on the convergence of all three aspects," says Priyanka.

She describes her style as clean, minimal, raw, organic and experiential. What is also obvious is how she celebrates and elevates the materials she works with and the craft she employs. Case in point is the Imli Bench.

"The intent was to make a fluid, soft furniture piece that is both art and function, local yet contemporary. The technique of cane weaving used to make the bench is traditional to most parts of India. The aim was to adapt the local technique to designs that appeal to the local and global market," informs Priyanka, who nurtured the dream of being an astrophysicist as a child, but went on to study architecture and design.



Designing for optimised need, optimised stucture and minimised environmental impact - that's my basic principle.

 Priyanka Narula, Founder, Prelab Design Studio and The Wicker Story I aim to adapt traditional techniques to designs that appeal to both the local and global markets.

— **Priyanka Narula,** Founder, Prelab Design Studio and The Wicker Story

The designer recently bagged the Trends Excellence Award for the Best Furniture Design for the Imli Bench and a Commendation for the Exotic Blooming Teas flagship store in the Retail Projects category. "We took inspiration from the tranquillity of a flower tea and translated it into fluidic elements of the tea store. We chose a raw material palette of wood and natural wicker against an aqua backdrop."

In all her projects, you see a distinct, unmistakable reference to the past.
Whether it's the Lifafa
Chair which takes inspiration from the envelope, or the
Muggu installation which takes inspiration from the traditional art form of Muggu in which patterns are created on the floor using coloured rice, dry flowers and rice powder.

"Before the onset of the digital age, the lifafa or the envelope meant so much. It meant love, apology, gratitude, all of this and more. And now, it's a chair," says Priyanka. Inspired by the shape of an open envelope, the chair is both minimal and ergonomic. As far as Muggu is concerned, she takes a three dimensional approach to the traditional art form to create an interactive installation.

Ask her about her evolution as a designer, and she says, "The 3Es – exposure, experience and experimentation have been instrumental in shaping me as a designer."





THE 3 E'S – EXPOSURE, EXPERIENCE AND EXPERIMENTATION – HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN SHAPING ME AS A DESIGNER.







Toxins, unsuspecting germs are hiding in your home and now is definitely not the time to sit back and let them be. These expert solutions are perfect if you're caught in the crosshairs of COVID-19

FEATURE **NITIJA IMMANUEL** 

ince the recent outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19, our approach to the concept of hygiene has changed drastically. From deep cleaning homes to social distancing, the World Health Organization (WHO) is encouraging good personal hygiene and adjustment of social norms to reduce the spread of diseases. "Social distancing measures can help to reduce transmission and enable health systems to cope," advises Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebrevesus, Director-General, WHO. "But the most effective way to prevent infections and save lives is breaking the chain of transmission. And to do that, you must test and isolate," he adds.

For most people, staying safe from the coronavirus means social isolation and working from home. "Considering the present state of affairs, working from home can be a huge relief so as to avoid unnecessary stress!" says Pankaj Poddar, co-founder of Mumbai-based interior design firm, Hipcouch. But infectious germs can live in your house too. We all know that simple measures such as handwashing, using sanitizers and disinfectant sprays can help curb its spread. But is there more we could be doing to promote healthy living for your home and family?



ENSURE REGULAR CLEANING OF EVERY AREA THAT COMES IN CONTACT WITH HUMANS.

- Natasha Jain, CEO and Co-founder, Bent Chair

vacuuming instead? ▶

#### USE ALLERGEN-FREE FABRICS

We all love the feel of crisp new linen, don't we? An excellent pro tip by Rohit Chaudhary of Amusing Interior is to use organic materials like khadi and avoid using plastics as much as you can to keep a home healthy. We are currently obsessing over IKEA's **BOTANISK** collection which is made from natural tactile materials. If you're looking to transform your interiors into an organic oasis, we say this is the best pick. You can also try Portico's Therapia Pillow and Mattress Protector which is 100% hypoallergenic and water-resistant.

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MOOD INSTANTLY!

— Sonal Tayal, Head - Design and Sales Operations, Livspace

#### **INDOOR PURIFICATION**

Dust particles, chemicals, and smoke may pollute the indoors and cause as much harm as they do outdoors, causing respiratory illness. Fortunately, innovative technology can scrub the air in your home clean and offer highly efficient filtration. Get your hands on Dyson's Pure Hot+Cool Air Purifier which automatically detects airborne particles and gases and improves air quality, promoting wellbeing and maintaining comfort levels in the home.

Worried about the quality of the water supply during the pandemic? While tap water is usually treated before being supplied to your home, there is no guarantee that water treatment plants operate with utmost reliability. Put your worries to rest and add Havell's Delite Alkaline Water Purifier to your coronavirus quarantine kit. The purifier boasts of an impressive eight-step process which eliminates all impurities, retaining the goodness of natural alkaline minerals.

It is important to make your home an oasis of calm in these uncertain times. For a breath of fresh air, adorn corners of your home with indoor plants such as Boston Fern, Snake Plant, English Ivy, Dracaena, Bamboo Palm, Dragon Tree, and Bird of Paradise that absorb harmful toxins from the air and release clean, fresh oxygen.



#### HOW TO CREATE AN IDEAL HOME-OFFICE QUARANTINE AREA

Social distancing is going to be a reality for many, for a relatively long time. Here are a few tips to make your home more conducive to a productive work scenario.

- An ideal home office," according to Natasha, "must be a separate room with an attached washroom, or a spare room converted into an office space, with windows for ventilation and light."
- "Don't compromise on a good chair," warns Pankaj. "Show yourself some love while picking out a well-designed, ergonomic chair that doesn't give you backaches at the end of the day."

- \* Colours can deeply impact an individual's mood. "Make your home-office decor as cheerful as possible. Use warm colours like red, orange and yellow that eliminate workday blues and lift your mood instantly!" suggests Sonal.
- Who says work can't be fun? Accessorise your workspace with cool notepads, colourful sticky notes and even a quirky coffee mug. "Creating a homely atmosphere can lend a sense of familiarity and increase your efficiency," shares Priyanka.
- "A cluttered and packed home is difficult to not only manage but also keep healthy, so I encourage a less is more philosophy," concludes Rohit.



## EVERYONE SHOULD BE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND STAY HOME DURING THIS TIME.

Architect Rooshad Shroff

#### ENSURING PERSONAL HYGIENE

Always air out and ventilate your home. Remember to avoid sharing household items, and wash used items thoroughly with soap and water.

Pay attention to shared devices that are used by the whole family. Home phone, remote controls and games console controllers, may also be microbe-magnets.

If it hasn't been said enough, wash your hands often. Since staying home is the mantra, keeping your surroundings clean will help you stay clean, safe and healthy.

# CUMUNE DON MY MIND

We tell you how to make the most of you time indoors with these breezy decor ideas for the summer

FEATURE KAMAKSHEE TEWARI



#### **BRING HOME** THE MUTED PALETTE

This summer we are all for a subdued colour palette. Salmon blush and dusty pink are our current favourites. Pair it with accents in pop colours, add texture through materials like suede, velvet for that hint of drama.



#### **BLUE IS THE NEW GREY**

This summer's hottest hue is blue in a variety of tones, from navy and chambray to cobalt and turquoise. shades of blue available in the colour palette. Team it with white to get a perfect summer retreat!



#### **GO GREEN**

Plants are an inexpensive investment that adds utmost warmth to any home. The world is beautiful because of nature, so why not bring it inside your home? From tall planters to tiny succulents in a bowl, plants add the touch of charm and elegance to any space.







A great asset in lighting up empty corners, these baskets serve many functional purposes too. Beauty with brains also known as 'wicker baskets', can be used to store your linens, to hold your plants, to prop at the side of your table, as a centrepiece or can simply hang them on your walls. Its organic appeal is a great way to give a rather earthy touch to your summery home.

Wooden cutlery is suggested to be a better alternative to plastic and steel cutlery, owing to its eco-friendly and biodegradable properties. Wooden cutlery is a great option for the summer time. Easier maintenance, lighter weight and aesthetic appeal make it a winner for all serve-ware. ▶



#### WOODEN FLOORING > CERAMIC TILES

Wooden flooring is known to be a practical and popular form of home improvements, that one can translate into their home for summer. The wooden finish not only adds style but also an aesthetic appeal with an air of class and elegance. With the right care and maintenance of the wooden finish one can incorporate, it is a beautiful addition to your home for this summer. With their natural beauty and inherent characteristics, hardwood floors can even make average interiors look extraordinary.



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#### **GO SUSTAINABLE**

Fast fashion has been a hot topic all year. People are wondering to think more about where all our bags full of clothes actually come from and what they are made of. And it looks like the same goes for things we buy for our homes. Many of us are trying to shop more sustainably, and in the interiors world that means buying furniture made from local materials that have been sustainably sourced.

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#### **PARE DOWN**

Throw open the doors and windows, pull back the curtains, and get rid of pieces that are dark, gloomy, or fussy. Stow away heavy accessories, throws, and unnecessary small decor items until it's time to. Same for your curtains, making your space larger and airy.

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# DECOR TRENDS: A RETROSPECTIVE

As isolation and working from home becomes a norm, we revisit three major decor trends that have never failed to impress!

FEATURE KAMAKSHEE TEWARI



# FLORAL ESCAPADE

Wonder why 90's were the hip decade of the century? Floral prints have a way of converting a product, furniture or art into a timeless piece of art. With florals back as a trend, explore the flexibility of the print and upholster the vintage chair passed down by your grandmom. Solid colours like magenta, sap green, and turquoise are great companions to this versatile print.

Runner, ₹5,850; Napkin holder, ₹450; **NUR.** Fill tray, ₹1,950; Fill tumbler (each), ₹450; **Good Earth**.

STYLE SIMRAT KOHLI PHOTOGRAPHS ANKUSH MARIA LOCATION NIVASA, NEW DELHI.





Artificial rubber plant, ₹4000, Fourwalls; Life boat paddles; Yellow life rings; both price on request, **The Hesperus**. Rustic pouf, ₹6,500; **Pincode Home**. Blue wooden car, ₹2,058; **Peacock Life**. Aqua blue centre plate, ₹6,000; Blue print plate, ₹3,500; Oval wall plate, ₹3,800; Marble white stones, price on request; Aqua green mason jar, ₹1,200; Wired cream stems, ₹1,299; Coral shell bowl, ₹5,500; Silicon green creeper, ₹599; all from **Ficus Fine Living**. Namisen type design tile, ₹225 per sqft; Terracotta tile, ₹225; both from **Bharat Floorings and Tiles**. Fabric swatches, price on request; all from **Studio Resolute**. Gasa cushion cover, ₹1,250; from **Nicobar** 

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#### A SPLASH OF BLUE

From easy, breezy materials like rattan, wicker and grasscloth to accessories inspired by oceanic elements, like seashells and seaweed, it's impossible to not perk up the minute you enter a bright beachy home. Channel the coastal vibe this summer; create your own summer retreat, especially because you have no other option but to stay indoors.



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Chair, ₹1,10,000; Armoire, ₹3,30,000; Carpet, ₹39,000; Vase, ₹10,800; Cherry Blossom stems, ₹8,100 each; Waste bin, ₹3,600; Clock, ₹10,800; Globe, ₹16,200; Berry spray stems, ₹2,250 each; Palm tree, ₹22,500; Cushion, ₹1,650; all from apartment9.

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#### TROPICAL WONDERLAND

This sunny, cheerful decor transforms your home into a retreat, even if you're tucked away in the middle of nowhere. But upgrading your home into a tropical oasis isn't simply about adding plants. Choose big colours, the right accents, and (yes) funky indoor palms to make your sunny metamorphosis complete.



# PENTHOUSE AT PLAY

An interesting contrast of design styles and textures defines this elegant penthouse by Sunita Yogesh

FEATURE TINA THAKRAR PHOTOGRAPHS NAYAN SONI

An open plan space is not always as ideal as it sounds, and this home is proof. Designed for six family members, the home is large, and posed quite a challenge to Sunita Yogesh to design. But as she began piecing the home together, from concept to plan to execution, the cosiness the client so desired came to life.





THE CLIENT WANTED THE SPACE TO BE WARM, COSY AND PRIMARILY WHITE, WHICH WAS GREAT BECAUSE THAT WAY WE COULD BRING IN A LOT OF ELEMENTS TO ADD LIFE TO THE SPACE.

— Sunita Yogesh, Creative Director, Sunita Yogesh Studio





The area with the wooden rafters on the ceiling is the entire living room, broken into two sections. The dining room and the kitchen stand on the other side, with the main entryway between them and the living room. Placed in this division, mimicking an entry corridor is a black credenza with double mirrors.







# MY FAVOURITE WAY TO ADD INTEREST, AND BRING COLOUR AND PATTERN INTO A SPACE IS THROUGH TEXTILES. WE LAYERED THE SPACE WITH RUGS AND CUSHIONS IN A VARIETY OF PATTERNS.

— Sunita Yogesh, Creative Director, Sunita Yogesh Studio









The bedrooms are simple, suited to their inhabitants, and have some cosy elements like a reading nook, wooden display shelves, a floating bookshelf, and in the playroom, a sofa-cum-bed.

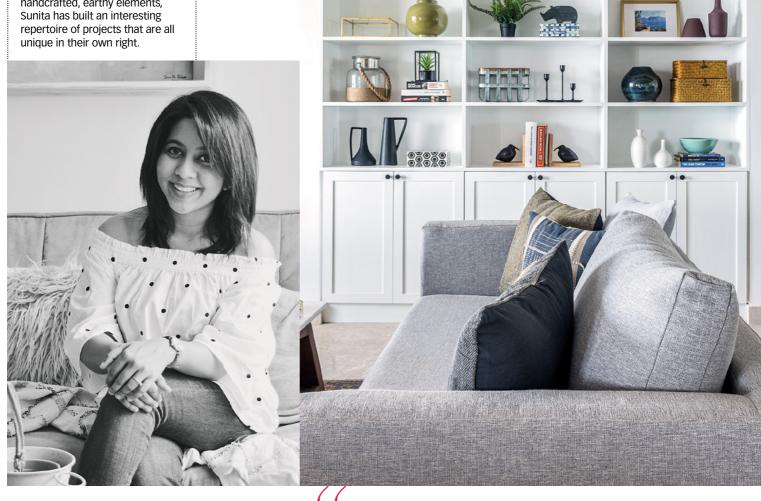




# SUNITA YOGESH

#### Creative Director, Sunita Yogesh Studio

A Sunita Yogesh-home is easy to identify - keep an eye out for a play of textures, colours, patterns in a modern, eclectic style. The full-service interior design based in Chennai helps its clients out with everything needed to make a space, from planning and conceptualising large homes and offices to creating bespoke pieces of furniture. An ardent user of handcrafted, earthy elements, Sunita has built an interesting repertoire of projects that are all



WE WANTED TO KEEP THE DESIGN ORGANIC, AND MIXED IN QUITE A LOT OF STYLES TO ACHIEVE THAT ECLECTIC LOOK. THIS JUXAPOSITION IS WHAT MAKES THE HOME INTERESTING.

<sup>—</sup> Sunita Yogesh, Creative Director, Sunita Yogesh Studio



AS MUCH AS I LIKE EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PROJECT, I ABSOLUTELY FELL IN LOVE WITH THE BALCONY AND THE VIEW AND WANTED TO TURN IT INTO A SPACE WHERE THE CLIENT COULD ENTERTAIN FRIENDS.

--- Sunita Yogesh, Creative Director, Sunita Yogesh Studio



hen a space is large and open-planned,

like this site which was handed to designer Sunita Yogesh, bringing in the element of warmth becomes vital. Especially if it's a family home with three generations and a footprint large enough to accommodate their needs. Unperturbed by its size (3100sqft), and inspired by the array of possibilities before her, Sunita dived into the design process of transforming this Bengaluru-based, 16<sup>th</sup> floor, four-bedroom penthouse from a bare shell into a liveable home.

Sticking to one style seemed limiting, prompting Yogesh to bring in an interesting meld of mid-century meets modern meets traditional elements. With this, the house became organic and almost lived-in, which boded perfectly with the client's needs. Another interesting juxtaposition lies in the textures and colours. We see wood merged with iron and brass, and neutral colours propped beside deep greens, blues and tans.

It all starts with the anchoring space – the living room. It's not just a living room though. It's got a formal and informal lounge, a dining area and a light pastel kitchen tucked in the corner, with a breakfast nook. Wrapped around the expansive living room is a balcony, with an unhindered view of the city. Encasing this central area are the three bedrooms and the playroom.

When it came to accessorising, Sunita didn't hold back. The textile designer in her took charge, experimenting with materials and fabric pieces she's collected over the years. The layering doesn't stop here but progresses to the lighting as well. Though natural light is abundant, a warm evening vibe had Sunita's fancy. She added interesting pieces like a Sputnik chandelier and wall sconces, besides functional, concealed ceiling lights.

Designing this home was a step by step process for Sunita. But, its the warmth that ties it all together into one large homely package.

# LIVINGINA KALEIDOSCOPE

Designer Rohit Chaudhary of Amusing Interior transforms a simple layout with a clever pairing of vibrant and glossy colours, and stunning design detailing

FEATURE AVRIL NOEL D'SOUZA
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SOME ROOMS WERE SMALL AND THE CLIENT WANTED INTENSE SHADES ON THE WALLS. TO MAKE THE HOME LOOK SPACIOUS YET BEAUTIFUL, WE DESIGNED LIGHT WEIGHT FURNITURE IN SUBTLE COLOURS TO BALANCE THE OVERALL FEEL.

— Rohit Chaudhary, Founder, Amusing Interior





THE FURNITURE HAS BEEN CUSTOM DESIGNED AS PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS HOME. EVEN THOUGH EVERY PIECE IS BASIC, WE'VE ELEVATED ITS STYLE. THAT TO ME IS WHAT MAKES IT LIVABLE LUXURY.





# ROHIT CHAUDHARY

#### Founder, Amusing Interior

Based in Noida, Amusing Interior was founded by interior designer Rohit Chaudhary in 2012. In just a short span, his design firm has acquired a large clientele from residential, to commercial, and hospitality. The designer and his team approach each project with the vision to create something unique. This project also reflects the design firm's ethos of bringing to life standout designs and interiors.

Rohit adds drama to every surface. From wall panellings to accent hanging pieces, and then to colour - every surface stands out, yet in harmony with the overall style. This was a love project for Rohit; he admits he loved conceptualising and executing the entire home. Plan-wise, he started with the bedrooms first and then moved to the kitchen.



THE PINK DOORS
WERE A LAST MINUTE DECISION
AS WE WANTED TO MAKE THE HOME
LOOK COLOURFUL AND CLASSIC
AT THE SAME TIME.

Rohit Chaudhary, Founder, Amusing Interior

hink of a colour, any colour on the rainbow, and chances of finding it here in this house, are aplenty. The designer,

Rohit Chaudhary of Amusing Interior, has deftly used a smattering of principal colours and complementary hues...and the effect introduces a certain vitality to an otherwise simple layout. Says he, "The client wanted every room to look different with limited furniture but bright attractive wall colours to attract the attention of guests coming to their home. We wanted to create a bright, happy space for the couple." The result is an amalgamation of fuschia and pink, with purples and lavender. Rohit layers tonalities of the same family of colours for an accented modern style. He playes with textures, gloss or matte, for more depth and precision to this clever arsenal of colour ranging.

Working with an insane amount of colours comes with its fair bit of challenges. Rohit reveals, some rooms are small in size, but had to reflect the client's passion for intense shades. It is a task to make a home look spacious and beautiful in the merry company of deep colours, but Rohit remained unfazed. "We prepared lightweight furniture in subtle colours to balance the overall feel of the rooms." That worked out beautifully.

We call this home a kaleidoscope for good reason. It has all kinds of colour, yet looks calm and beautiful. Every part of this home is designed keeping in mind the comfort of its owners and further perpetuating a soothing vibe. Home to the rainbow, this New Delhi residence.



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