

A TALE OF CHARMING CONTRASTS

Experts share a few easy tips where you just need to switch, swap and rearrange interior elements to reinvent your home

Everybody wishes to spruce up their homes in a way that is youthful and vibrant and breaks the staid monotony. Particularly, when you are confined most-

ly indoors in pandemic times, a little bit of colour therapy can do wonders to your room and help you reinvent your space. While this will help you bring about the much-

required dynamism, it would also help you recycle, redo and rearrange available resources at a time when we need to inculcate sustainable practices.



YIN AND YANG

Today, the kitchen area has become an intimate space and a personal expression of what makes you feel comfortable. When furnished with modern elements, you would feel like you are "with it" and love rustling up your favourite menu. For this urbane look, explore the trending concept of closed cabinetry adorned in premium wooden laminates that are resistant to surface wear and tear, considering a kitchen's heavy usage. Go for new laminates that are resistant to cracks, stain, heat,

scratch and easy to wipe down. Moreover, you can build in a bit of excitement by alternating the panel colours and tonalities.

There is no denying that a clean kitchen arranged neatly gives a refined look. To achieve this, simply bring out your ceramic crockery which can be placed on your countertops for that classic touch. You can further accentuate your interiors with metallic fixtures or metallic rimmed wall art in rose gold finish. With this simple décor theme, get ready to experience a magnificent trance.



GIVE ME RED

A powerful and an empowering tone in itself, red radiates strong emotions of passion, enthusiasm and warmth. This versatile colour is capable of instantly catching your eye and makes up for any need to make a statement. If you are looking to incorporate this shade neutrally, combine it with earthy tones for a natural look and feel. For instance, a red flame laminate can be combined with light brown wooden textures for a timeless contrast.

Since this laminate comes with dimensional stability, you can use it in any climatic condition without worrying about replacing it seasonally.

Remember to keep your accents minimal adorned in a glamorous mattifying or glassware coating. Here, try combining refreshing vibes with the scent of your old books or other antique objects close to your heart. The outcome will be a more personalised area put together in a cheerful set-up.



BE MELLOW-DRAMATIC

A pinch of drama in your home can be a great self-starting inspiration. This is where dark hues unite with subtle pops of light tints which beautifully weave a regal essence in your space. In order to ace this look, start with coupling the soothing aura of muted blue on your walls with the cocooning feel of wooden floors in shades similar to spiced honey colour palette.

To further add a breathtaking flair to your décor, go for lampshades or table clock in pure white to unleash sheer opulence when placed against your ornate blue backdrop. Complete this look by mixing your open and closed cabinets in wooden laminates that are ruling the preference chart with their extensive life span. Lastly, layer it up with a self-made rug in your favourite pastel shade from old cloth materials for a mellow and comfortable habitat.

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