

A sunlit retreat!

As temperature soars, it is time to turn your home into a serene, summer retreat!

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Summer is here and it is that time of the year when you prefer to stay indoors. So, it becomes extremely important to make your home summer ready. To turn your home into a sunlit retreat. Summer is the perfect season to let your home breathe—to invite in softness, light, and a touch of the wild.

Brijesh Bansal, founder of Stone Art, says, "Styling a fountain, whether indoors or outdoors, can instantly elevate your summer décor, turning any space into a serene, sunlit retreat. The gentle sound of flowing water adds a cooling, calming effect that enhances the overall atmosphere during warmer months. Placing a fountain in a sunlit courtyard, a shaded patio, or even by an entryway introduces a sense of balance and movement, blending natural elements with thoughtful design. For indoor spaces, smaller sculptural fountains can become artistic



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accents, reflecting light, and creating a soothing rhythm that complements summer's relaxed vibe. Pairing fountains with greenery, terracotta pots, or natural stone pathways can further enhance the seasonal appeal. Whether your style is traditional or contemporary, a well-placed fountain becomes a focal point that offers both aesthetic charm and sensory comfort. This summer, let water features become an essential part of your décor, evoking a resort-like ambiance right at home."

Shuchita Sancheti Garg, creative director and founder of vVyon By Shuchita, says, "Styling your spaces with floral bedsheets and cushions in airy fabrics like cotton and linen brings a serene, forest-like

atmosphere into every corner. Think hand-embroidered details, pastel hues, and natural textures that reflect the gentle beauty of the outdoors. These thoughtful layers don't just decorate; they narrate—telling stories of India's rich craftsmanship and the untamed poetry of nature. Whether it's a sunlit living room with cushions blooming in soft botanical prints or a breezy bedroom adorned with a floral bedsheets, these pieces create a retreat that feels both grounded and dreamlike."

Summer décor is about embracing ease and elegance, where every thread, color, and detail comes together to create a haven of peace, romance, and understated luxury.

Aryaman Jain, CEO, Innovative Design Studio by IDG, adds, "Transforming your home into a sunlit summer retreat goes beyond visual styling—it is about curating an atmosphere that reflects the season's natural warmth and radiance. Start by embracing light, breathable materials and organic textures that evoke a sense of airiness, then elevate the space with a layered lighting approach. Blending ambient, task, and accent lighting not only adds depth but also mirrors the dynamic rhythm of daylight. Tunable white LEDs allow you to adjust color temperatures throughout the day, seamlessly syncing indoor moods with outdoor shifts."

Dimmer switches and motion-activated lights bring both energy efficiency and versatility.

helping set the tone from lazy afternoon lounging to glowing evening gatherings. When thoughtfully orchestrated, lighting becomes the soul of summer décor—effortless and inviting.

Anjaleka Kriplani founder of Angie homes, says, "While redoing a home I pay lot of attention to details with two types of colour palettes, which is very elegant and soft. Light greens and lemons, white and off whites. If I want to go very dramatic, I prefer to use emerald green, deep blue or electric blue or wine. Such colours are very vibrant and will make your interiors lively. I also like to use lot of metals and textures. If you put a rose metal table, or a gold metal table, a console or a coffee table with a nice Italian or a Turkish marble, it looks amazing. When you want to use a large false ceiling, one may use a chandelier and a gold leaf on the ceilings. One may also use luxury carpets to add lot of color to the room. One may also hang any luxury painting to give a majestic touch to your room. If you have a budget issue, there are lot of affordable paintings today available in the market."

Furniture plays a key role in enhancing the overall décor quotient in a room. One may go for very large sofa to give a luxury and grand look. Coffee table is yet another focal point in interior décor. One may also opt for large coffee table with a metal finish, brass, and textures.

Design in Balance

Japandi is where simplicity meets soul, blending minimalism with warmth in perfect harmony

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In an age where our lives are perpetually cluttered, physically, mentally, emotionally, the design world is experiencing a quiet revolution. This revolution is called Japandi, a seamless fusion of Japanese minimalism and Scandinavian warmth that is slowly reshaping the way we perceive beauty, comfort, and functionality in our homes.

"Japandi is where minimalism meets warmth, where every element is rooted in balance and tranquility. It embodies a philosophy of subtle luxury," says Anju Mukhi Mistri, principal designer at Open Atelier Mumbai. And truly, Japandi is not just a style; it's a state of mind.

Nature as the narrative

Japandi interiors are deeply grounded in natural materials such as warm wood tones, raw stone textures, and organic textiles such as linen, cotton, and wool.

The muted colour palette is equally poetic. Beiges, taupes, muted greys, and soft earthy greens lend a sense of soft continuity and emotional calm.

living, like fans and lighting; elements once thought of as purely utilitarian.

"The growing popularity of the Japandi style emphasises creating a tranquil, clutter-free space using monochromatic neutrals and earthy tones," says Anika Agarwal, chief marketing and customer experience officer at Orient Electric. "Ceiling fans that seamlessly blend into Japandi-inspired interiors embrace a palette of muted neutrals and warm, earthy tones, while lighting solutions favour soft, diffused glows to enhance

CLEAN AND HARMONIOUS

Some trends, such as vintage furniture, space-saving furniture, and mirrored furniture will continue to stay in the trend.

Nevertheless, if the purpose is to create a calm and chilled-out space, then sport the Japandi style



"Home is the new gallery," says Nanesh Goyal, CEO of Luxeartisanship. "Every home should be a sanctuary of self-expression, adorned with thoughtfully curated art walls and collectible décor that reflect individual tastes and stories."

Where form and function coexist

The blend of aesthetic subtlety and practicality extends beyond furniture and finishes. It influences even the finer details of everyday

warmth and tranquility."

Japandi doesn't dictate how a home should look. It inspires how a home should feel. And in India, the style is being lovingly reimagined.

"Japandi, reimagined with an Indian soul, allows us to celebrate global design while staying rooted in tradition, crafting homes that feel timeless yet familiar," shares Sachi Lunia, co-founder and principal architect at White Tree Architects.

DID YOU KNOW?
Incorporating a fountain into your indoor or outdoor setup can instantly uplift your summer décor, transforming any area into a tranquil, sun-kissed escape filled with charm and relaxation



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