



HOW TO GIVE YOUR HOME A QUICK MAKEOVER

- Mix traditional objects with natural textures like terracotta, wood, or stone
- Scatter bells, diyas, and murtis throughout the home; don't group them into clusters
- Repurpose diyas as candle holders, bells as curtain tiebacks, and murtis as centrepieces
- Use warm lighting to highlight sacred pieces for an inviting, festive glow

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For years, puja essentials—bells, idols, conches—were tucked away in temple rooms

The holy grail of decor

The sacred objects you once kept tucked away are now taking centre stage as decor heroes in your home

DO YOU HAVE THE ESSENTIALS?

1. Traditional diyas and floating candles
Where to get them: Zaveri Bazaar, Crawford Market or Bhuleshwar Market
2. Gold or silver-plated idols (Ganesh, Lakshmi)
Where to get them: Madhavbaug and Panjrapole
3. Decorative murtis or wall-mounted silhouettes
Where to get them: Stores across Chhatkopar, Andheri, Goregaon and Malad
4. String lights, lanterns and candle holders
Where to get them: Dadar Market, Santacruz (W) Market, and Link Road, Kandivli

or corners reserved for prayer. Today, however, these sacred objects are making their way into contemporary living spaces, adding personality and charm to homes across the city.

SACRED SPACES
Devotional pieces aren't just for rituals anymore—they're making bold design statements. Neha Raina, design propeller and associate partner at a local studio, says, "These traditional items are being reinterpreted to celebrate heritage in everyday life. Gold-plated idols and

silver bells now sit proudly in alcoves or are paired with earthy textures like terracotta, wood, or stone. Diyas are being used as table accents or candleholders—blending ritualistic charm with practicality." She adds that when arranged thoughtfully, especially against natural colour palettes, these pieces can add depth and warmth to any home.

LET THE BELLS TOLL IN STYLE
Anju Mukhi, principal designer, notes that these ornate objects can

bring calm, mindfulness, and a sense of continuity into your interiors. "Instead of clustering them in one corner, try spreading them thoughtfully across the home," she advises. "Diyas now come with semi-precious stones, glass inlays, or ceramic touches—exuding just enough sparkle without overwhelming the space. We're also seeing

inspire sculptural decor or wall art. Imagine a Ganesha silhouette laser-cut into a wooden panel, or a cluster of temple bells turned into a wind chime—suddenly, your home feels warm and positive." Sheffalie Jhaveri, founder of a local design studio, agrees. "Murtis are stepping out of the puja room," she says. "They're being framed against raw silk, jute, or wooden backdrops, styled as centrepieces, or nestled among bookshelves. Silver bells, too, are taking on playful roles—as curtain tiebacks, toran accents, or whimsical decor—adding both visual and auditory charm. With the right lighting and placement, even a simple traditional piece can become a striking artefact."

Curate your spiritual objects thoughtfully, and you'll not only honour your roots but also create a home that feels soulful and personal.



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