

Makeover IN MINUTES



Accentuate the wall with wallpaper

If you want to perk up the personality of your home without going through the laborious process of renovation, there are plenty of ideas and materials available to help you achieve a quick result for a smooth and mess-free makeover. Take a look at some of the latest trendsetting ideas and more! **Shami Goregaokar** of GA Designs, lays out the roadmap



The secret to creating an enviable home is not how much money you spend, but how well you use what you have. There are endless possibilities to give a complete makeover to a luxury home and with help from your imagination and a good professional; you can make your home a true reflection of your personality.

The first step to a makeover is deciding on a colour palette for your home or room. The

next would be to decide what furniture and other items you need to get rid of and replaced. Think of various colour schemes that would add zing to your space. If you have been a fan of the all-white-minimalistic look, try using a dash of black as it instantly lends richness and breaks up the monotony of any background.

Using wallpaper is another way to liven up your room. It is available in design stores as a luxury product, which can add sophistication to your home in-

stead of just being a substitute to paint. Wallpaper can be used in different ways to enhance the appearance of your home. It could be used to accentuate a wall or could be used just as a backdrop to your television or bed. It is interesting to know that wall-paper need not be restricted to walls alone. You can use it to highlight a cove in your false-ceiling or even to line the inside of your bar cabinet!

Throwing cushions on your sofa lends it the required tex-



Wall art, sheets and customised floor rugs all lend warmth and colour to your home

ture and colours. Alternately, you can place some runners on the armrests – these could either be in a bright contrasting colour to your sofa or in a soft subtle colour with gemstones to add some bling and richness. Colours like turquoise and plum are a great contrast with any neutral background like beige, grey, white or even black. A pop of an atypical colour like purple or orange in the form of wall-art or a vase can wake up the room instantly.

Think of various kinds of window treatments that you can use. Sheers lend softness to the room while heavy dark colours add warmth. Use mock curtains to add colour and drama for special occasions. Alternately, if you already have too much happening on the seating side and do not wish to distract attention elsewhere, you could opt for simple blinds in a neutral colour.

Customise your floor rug instead of picking up ready-mades. You are at liberty to add colours and textures that are suitable for your room and numerous options are available

with all leading rug dealers. If there is a lot of colour and texture in your curtains, then your rug should be more subdued and vice versa.

Light fittings can be selected to match the theme of your room. In addition to functional-



Cushions add texture and colour to the interiors and can act as embellishments on the your couch or sofa

ity, lighting can have a tremendous effect on the mood of your room. It doesn't help to go overboard and pack too much in one room. There is no need to have spot lights, pendant lights, wall-washers, chandeliers and cabinet lights all in one room. It is advisable to carry on the same theme throughout the room and the house whether is contemporary or traditional or period specific.

Another effective way to enhance the personality of your room is to accessorise it. Using wall art or picture frames on a large bare wall or placing interesting lights or artifacts on the floor where they will be noticed are a few ways of achieving this. A 'conversation piece' generally helps to complete the look for a well-designed living room. The presence of a water body like a little pond, a water cascade or an aquarium can change the mood significantly. Do not ignore passages and other similar areas where you don't spend much time. These are after all, a part of your home and are most likely to attract attention if left bare.