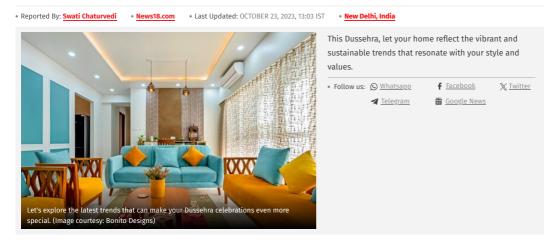




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Dussehra, the festival of victory and light, is just around the corner. It's a time to celebrate the triumph of good over evil and to infuse our homes with warmth and festivity. To help you prepare for this culturally rich occasion, we've gathered insights from four experts in the fields of design and decor. Let's explore the latest trends that can make your Dussehra celebrations even more special.

Jenis Makwana, Head of Design and Innovation Lab, Bonito Designs believes, this year, the spotlight is on bright and rich colors. "Think of rich greens, vivid yellows, royal blues, and deep reds. It's a design palette that's all about making a statement. In addition, soft furnishings like pillows, drapes, and upholstery are being crafted from rich, opulent materials like silk, velvet, and brocade. These textures and colors create a luxurious and celebratory atmosphere in your home," says Makwana.

#### Embrace Culturally Rich Motifs and Prints

Traditional Indian motifs like Ikkat, Kalamkari, Block prints, and Warli paintings are gaining popularity in home decor. These motifs bring a festive vibe into your living spaces, and you can even consider incorporating mythological story depictions in your decor. Take inspiration from different regions of India, such as Rajasthan, Gujarat, or Maharashtra, to infuse a touch of tradition into your modern home.

### 2 Natural Elements

Natural-inspired design is a rising trend. To create a serene and connected atmosphere, bring in elements like potted plants, floral arrangements, and natural materials into your open spaces and pooja room. The presence of these natural elements adds a touch of serenity to your home.

#### 3 Artefacts

Pottery, sculptures, and woven textiles are highly sought after in home decor. They not only add unique and distinctive touches to your space but also tell a story and showcase your appreciation for art and culture.

## 4 Aromatherapy

Aromatherapy can enhance the festive atmosphere. Consider using essential oils like peppermint and sandalwood, which have unique qualities. The refreshing scent of peppermint pairs beautifully with the calming essence of sandalwood, creating a harmonious blend that uplifts the mood and adds to the festive spirit.





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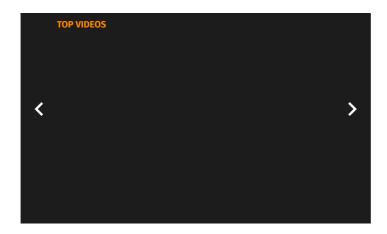
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According to AkzoNobel India Ltd., the maker of Dulux Paints, research has shown that even small doses of happiness can have a positive impact on our mental well-being. This festive season, families are seeking to create their own special spaces at home, and the color palette offered by sweet embrace, the color of the year 2024, can help achieve this. This soft pink shade, inspired by feathers and evening clouds, creates a calm and welcoming atmosphere. The 'Uplifting' color palette complements it with marigold yellows, dreamy lilacs, and rose pink, offering playful combinations that personalize your home and uplift the mood for the festivities.

But don't just limit your decoration to walls. Consider reimagining wood with color. From sophisticated neutrals to luxurious warm hues or nature-inspired cool shades, you can create a unique masterpiece on wood using the extensive range of Sadolin PU premium wood finishes by Dulux.

For Rajiv Agarwal, Chairman and Managing Director, Dorby, minimalism is a significant trend this year. It's characterized by neat lines, limited color palettes, and uncluttered spaces. "Neutral shades like whites, greys, and beige create a soothing and sophisticated atmosphere, while pastel colors like mint green, whyte blue, peach, and mauve add elegance. Stone designs, fluted panels, and cane designs are also in vogue, bringing style and luxury to your spaces. Biophilic interiors, inspired by our innate connection with nature, are becoming popular, and veneer surface finishes are a great way to incorporate this trend into your decor," adds Agarwal. To enhance your Dussehra home decor, add plants, use natural materials, and create spaces that allow natural light to flow in.

In the post-pandemic world, sustainability and cost-effectiveness are at the forefront of home decor. Sunil Singh, President – Sales, MDF & Flooring, Greenpanel Industries Ltd suggests sustainable and economical tips for your Diwali home renovation and decor:



Energy Efficiency

Opt for energy-efficient LED lighting to reduce energy consumption and save costs.

2 Sustainable Materials

Redesign your spaces with eco-friendly MDF-based furniture and decor.

3 Earthen Elegance

Choose earthenware and clay decor items for a rustic and sustainable touch.

4 Paper Play

Incorporate paper-based decor for creativity and affordability.

5 Nature's Touch

Bring in indoor plants and fresh flowers for a natural, festive vibe.

6 Reusability

Invest in reusable decorations to reduce waste and save on costs.

7 Economical Choices

Explore economical and sustainable options for your festive decor, such as fun DIY projects or affordable market finds. This Dussehra, let your home reflect the vibrant and sustainable trends that resonate with your style and values. By embracing these ideas from our experts, you can create a welcoming and culturally rich atmosphere that celebrates the essence of this auspicious festival.







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