

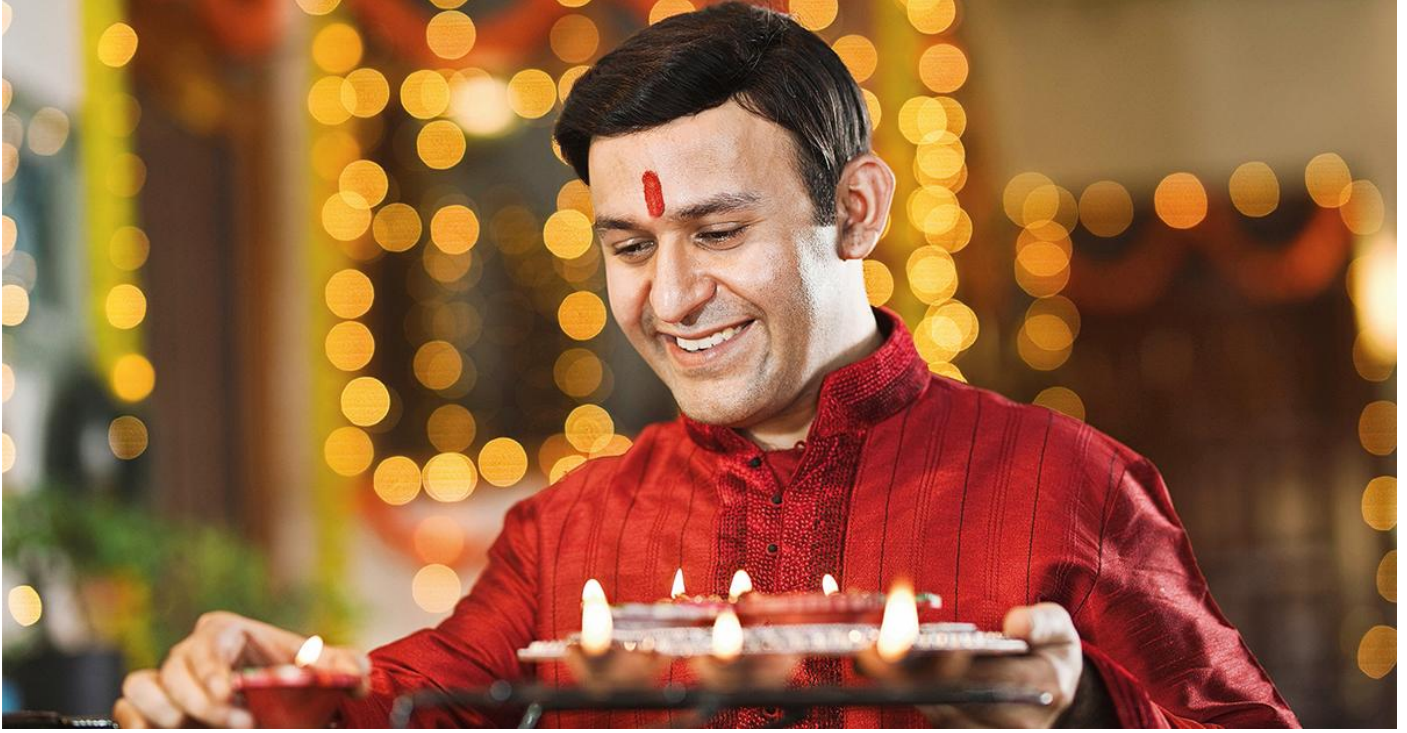
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Introduction

Give your living space a stunning makeover

Read on to find out how you can give your living space a stunning makeover with the right lighting this Diwali

It's that time of the year when we gather with loved ones to indulge in mouthwatering sweets and delectable dishes. However, the festive celebrations wouldn't be complete without adding a touch of sparkle to your home. Read on as our experts reveal simple ways to illuminate your home this Diwali.



Play with light

The most impactful way of giving your home a new look through lighting is to play with the some mood lighting. Elaborating on the same, Nidhi Aggarwal, founder of SpaceMantra shares, "The colour temperature of light significantly impacts the ambience of a room. Warm, yellow-toned lights create a cosy and inviting atmosphere, perfect for spaces such

as the living room or bedroom. Cool, white lights, on the other hand, lend a more modern and energising feel, ideal for areas like the kitchen or study. Experiment with different colour temperatures to find the perfect balance for each room in your home.”

Further adding to this, Arun Chaubey, CEO at Remole, shares key tips on lighting up your abode this Diwali:



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“Wooden fixtures: Introduce the timeless charm of wooden lights into your home as these fixtures exude natural beauty and rustic allure, instantly transforming your living spaces. The warm glow and unique grain of the wooden lights add an organic and sophisticated aesthetic to your home. These fixtures promote eco-friendliness by reducing carbon footprint and utilising renewable materials. Their eco-conscious design brings nature's warmth into your home while supporting a greener future.

Diya and candle arrangements: Embrace the traditional charm of Diwali by incorporating beautiful diyas (oil lamps) and candle arrangements. Place them strategically around your home, on windowsills, or as a centerpiece on tables. Opt for eco-friendly scented candles to add a pleasant aroma to your space.

Fairy lights and string lanterns: Decorate your indoor and outdoor spaces with fairy lights and string lanterns to infuse a warm, inviting glow. Hang these lights around doorways, windows, and staircases to create a magical ambience.

Coloured LED lights: Choose coloured LED lights to add a playful and vibrant element to your home. Mix and match different colours to create a joyful atmosphere. Wrap them around bannisters, drape them over furniture, or hang them on walls to enhance the festive spirit.”

Effective use of lighting can also be done to not just illuminate a room, but also to highlight the shadows wherever necessary. Krsnaa Mehta, founder and design director, India Circus sheds some light on the same and adds, “To create captivating shadows and highlights, infuse your living spaces with a touch of drama and visual allure. By strategically positioning lights, you can enhance the textures and architectural features of a room, adding an extra layer of interest. This technique not only contributes to a dynamic atmosphere, but also allows you to sculpt the visual narrative of your space, turning it into a canvas of light and shadow.”

“Lighting is no longer just about brightness; it's about creating an ambience that evokes emotions and adds depth to a space. A careful curation of lights with designs engineered to cast captivating patterns, can add a touch of magic to your space,” mentions Punam Kalra, interior designer and creative director of I'm the Centre for Applied Arts.

Focal points

Sometimes, a statement art piece might lose its impact due to the overall lighting and decor scheme in your house. But fret not! There's a simple solution to avoid such a situation—direct your attention to specific elements in your home using well-placed lights. Mehta suggests, “Highlight specific areas or features with directed lighting for visual emphasis. By strategically illuminating key elements, you create a dynamic and engaging atmosphere. Choose a distinctive centerpiece, such as a striking chandelier or an artistic lamp, to serve as an anchor and enhance the overall design aesthetic. This approach not only adds personality to your space, but also guides the eye to appreciate the unique features that make each room special.”

Jenis Makwana, head of design and innovation lab, Bonito Designs lists small changes or additions that you can make at your place and elevate the style quotient of your house:

“Warm lighting: The puja room holds maximum significance during Diwali. Opt for warm, gentle lighting instead of coloured or plain white lights in your puja room to create a calm and soothing ambience;

A chandelier or hanging light: A striking chandelier or a suspended light in a central area of your home, such as the dining room or foyer, adds a touch of sophistication and luxury to the space;

Moroccan lamps: Moroccan lamps give your homes a vintage and elegant look. You can also experiment with them by adding them to the living room, balcony or even terrace;

Accent lighting for rangoli: Outline your rangoli with small LED string lights to make them stand out and add a modern touch to this traditional art form.”

Go smart

If you're faced with numerous options, it can be hard to decide. But don't overlook functionality when focusing on appearance. Aggarwal opines, "Smart lighting solutions can be incredibly helpful when setting up the house. With just a touch or voice command, you can adjust the brightness, hue, and even the timing of your lights with these. Simply press a button to instantly create a distinct tone for any event, from intimate parties to exuberant nights. Incorporating motion sensors and timers can also improve security and energy economy."

Further adding to this, Mehta explains, "Upgrade your home lighting with smart technology to effortlessly control and personalise the atmosphere. Smart lighting adds a modern touch and lets you customise settings for various occasions. This integration simplifies your daily routines and adds a futuristic sophistication to your living spaces."

Layered lighting

The art of mixing and matching can be explored in lighting as well by using layers in lighting. Explaining the same, Aggarwal says, "One of the key principles of effective lighting design is layering. This involves using a combination of ambient, task, and accent lighting to create a balanced and inviting atmosphere. Ambient lighting provides overall illumination, while task lighting focuses on specific areas such as workspaces or reading corners. Accent lighting, on the other hand, adds drama and highlights architectural features or decor elements. By incorporating all three layers, you can achieve a harmonious and functional lighting scheme."

Overall, make sure you don't get too carried away with the design and let each light have its own moment to shine without overwhelming the others. Moreover, keep in mind that lighting serves a greater purpose than just illuminating a space; it's also a mighty tool for creating stunning designs when used smartly.

Things to keep in mind while playing with the lighting of your house this Diwali:

- 1. Check electrical installations: Ensure proper installation of lights, especially wooden fixtures by professionals to maintain a safe, beautiful, and energy-efficient environment within your home. Before decorating, inspect all electrical connections and ensure they are in good condition. Avoid overloading sockets and use surge protectors to prevent electrical mishaps.
- 2. Dimmer controls: Opt for dimmer switches or controllers to adjust the brightness of lights, allowing you to create various lighting atmospheres for Diwali festivities while conserving energy.
- 3. Fire safety precautions: Ensure that all flammable items are kept away from open flames or electrical lighting. Be cautious with diyas and candles to avoid any fire-related incidents.
- 4. Keep pathways well-lit: If expecting guests, ensure outdoor pathways and stairs are well-lit to prevent accidents. Use pathway lights or string lights to guide and illuminate the way.
- 5. Energy efficiency: Opt for LED bulbs and fixtures to save energy while still enjoying the ambience. This not only helps the environment, but also reduces your electricity bills.
- 6. Respect noise and light sensitivity: Diwali celebrations can involve fireworks and bright lights, which might be sensitive for some. Be considerate of neighbours and pets by moderating the noise and lights used for the celebrations.

- Arun Chaubey

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