

Express your Freedom

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India is just celebrated its 78th year of Independence. The spirit of freedom touches the lives of millions across the country. Freedom can be expressed in various formats. Décor is one such medium where we can express our ideas. But what is freedom? Freedom is the desire to innovate, ideate and put them into practice. Same goes for décor designs. The freedom of expression through décor designs is a key parameter for décor. Designers embrace the concept of free-

dom in design by celebrating the power of choice in shaping our environments. Freedom in decor is about crafting spaces that enhance your daily life and express your unique personality. By prioritising functionality and individuality, we create designs that break free from convention and reflect who you are. We aim to inspire others to embrace this freedom, transforming their spaces into personal havens of creativity and comfort, one extraordinary design at a time. Devika Khosla, creative director at The Works Interiors, says, "True freedom in design begins with understanding ev-

ery client's unique needs and lifestyles. The design journey starts with these insights that help us craft spaces that reflect individuality and embody the essence of liberation and self-expression. Imagine stepping into a room where every piece of furniture serves a purpose and tells a story; that is our goal. We can start by choosing multi-functional furniture that adapts to various needs, like a sofa that easily converts into a bed or a dining table that doubles as a workspace. These versatile choices offer the flexibility to transform the space as life changes, capturing the true spirit of freedom."

Uncluttered spaces
Clean lines and uncluttered spaces cultivate a sense of openness and mental clarity. Imagine a room bathed in natural light with expansive windows that merge the indoors with the outdoors. This connection with nature enhances the visual appeal and fosters a sense of liberation and well-being.

Dreams in Marbles
Talking about the use of marble as an expression of freedom, Rajesh Bhandari, managing director, A-Class Marble, says, "Freedom and resilience are



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movement." By blurring the lines between different areas of a home, a sense of spaciousness can be created. For instance, sliding doors and clever use of furniture can add to the feeling of openness. The ability to move between different zones within a space fosters a sense of freedom and flexibility in homes. "Additionally, freedom of expression is found in the careful curation of objects, colours, and textures. It is about decor elements that resonate on a personal level. Incorporating eclectic collections or handmade frames that reflect your idea of freedom can be a thoughtful approach. Further, mixing and matching different styles can create a truly unique and inspiring space," Bhatkhalkar says. Designing for freedom is about creating spaces that inspire, uplift, and nourish the soul! Remember, freedom is a personal experience and the key is to create a space that resonates with you on a deep level.



Protect your furniture from moisture

One must be extra careful to protect the wooden pieces from moisture during rainy season

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Monsoon wreaks havoc on our day to day life with excessive downpours. It results in lot of moisture in the air. It turns out to be a hard nut to crack to maintain your furniture during monsoon. Protecting your furniture from moisture is essential to maintain its beauty for years. Wood and metal, both excellent materials, need love and care to maintain their glory for long. Prateek Sabharwal, founder, Escape by Creatomy, elaborates, "Wooden furniture, with its timeless charm, needs extra attention. Applying sealants or waxes creates a protective shield against moisture. Maintaining the right indoor humidity, ideally between 40-60 per cent, prevents warping and cracking. Dehumidifiers can help in humid climates, while humidifiers are useful in dry seasons to keep the wood happy and healthy."

Protecting Metal
Metal furniture, known for its resilience, can still fall prey to rust if neglected. Using rust-resistant coatings or paints can protect your metal pieces. It is essential to keep metal surfaces dry, especially after cleaning or exposure to rain. By integrating these practices into your routine, you can preserve the beauty and functionality of your cherished furniture, ensuring it remains a lasting part of your home. Lalitesh Mandrekar, general manager, Design, Godrej Interio, says, "Dehumidifiers or air conditioning systems can effectively control the humidity levels, especially during rainy and humid seasons. Ensure enough space between wooden beds, wardrobes, and walls to prevent moisture build-up, and regularly clean and maintain your furniture to keep it dry. Use absorbent materials like naphthalene balls or cedar chips in open containers and apply a protective coat of lacquer or varnish every two years to preserve the brilliance and extend the lifespan of your wooden furniture. The most difficult aspect of maintaining furniture during the monsoon season is avoiding moisture and mould growth



moisture. By implementing these strategies, you can maintain the beauty and longevity of your furniture. Meera Pyarelal, founder and interior designer, Temple Town, avers, "Handcrafted luxury furniture is not just about aesthetics; it's an investment in artistry and timeless elegance. These meticulously crafted pieces are designed

to bring beauty and sophistication to any home, often becoming cherished heirlooms passed down through generations. To ensure your treasured furniture remains in pristine condition, protecting it from moisture damage is essential. Moisture can compromise the integrity of the wood, leading to warping, cracking, and mold growth."