

INDIA GoodHomes

GOOD DESIGN CHANGES EVERYTHING

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A NEW MANNER OF LIVING

When your
expectations from
design redefine
the way you live

THE PERFECT SOLUTION

Find out what
you need to get rid of
in order to create space

Live Smart

Technology that will
get your home ready
for the future

UP TO DATE

The real McCoys
of the emerging
trends of 2017





SURPRISE HOME LINEN

#8 Organic wallcoverings with garden themes reminiscent of Senaka Senanayake or Henri Rousseau paintings create a garden like haven, complete with dragonflies, insects, long willowy leaves and foliage in different tones of greens. With a gray backdrop abalone shells, and minerals come in even stronger. This will make a magical impact on one or two walls of the living space or entertainment area. Don't overdo it but the other walls can pick up on the theme in terms of the colour palette. I've done this to my bedroom as a New Year present to me.



BARNEBY GATES



BOUJUDO

#9 Blues hardly ever go out of style, for their calming influence on those who live with them. They heal, calm and give you that sense of well-being. This year blues are in a more muted and less bright incarnation. Combined with limes and pistachios they are chic and comforting. The shade to look out for in 2017 is a dusty blue which is nearly moody like a deep Monsoon.

#10 Metallic chainmail is big this year and mesh adds a touch of glimmer to cushion overlays or accents in an interior. The look is nearly armour like with its metallic rope like design. It accessorises its hardware with a punk defiance intertwined with jewellery like an accent in an interior design sort of way.

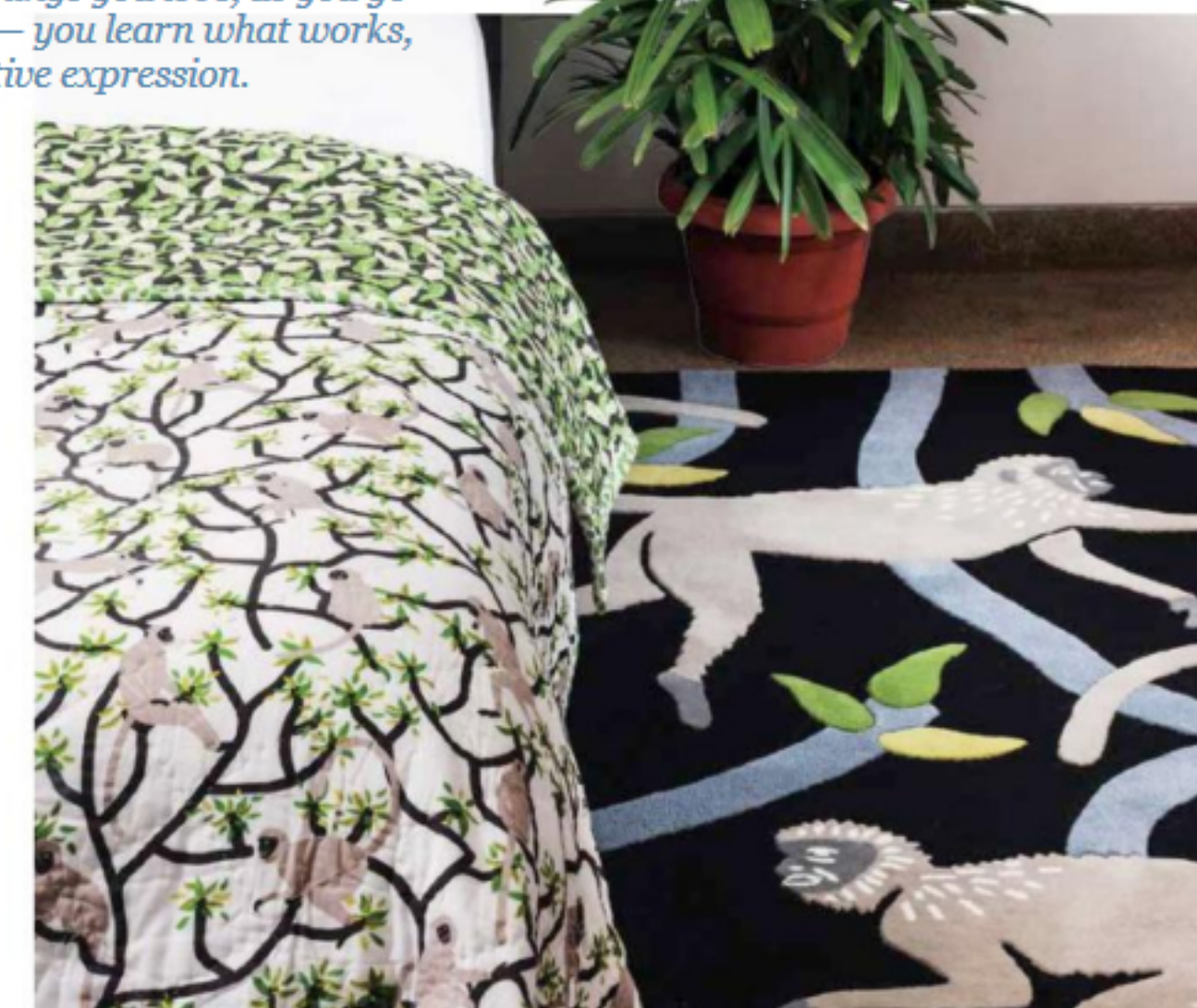


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TIP

Design is quirky, bizarre or classical, just have the discernment to use it all with enhancement of your space. We are not all born with design judgement, splurge on books and magazines on interiors to help you hone your taste and find what you like. My rule of thumb is less is more and go slow. Acquire things you love, as you go along. It becomes a journey — you learn what works, and it is your creative expression.

#12 Caring for the environment is only a bigger trend and a growing concern. At a recent debate conducted at an interior award function I was appalled at the flippant style with which the environment was being discussed. Infact, the environment is a big design bugbear where recycling and using environment friendly material has become very 'in' with all designers and consumers. I've seen beautiful floor throws made out of patches of the enduring bits of discarded rugs — made from recycled waste which is the marketing mantra. **GH**



SAFOMAS

#11 Technology is the big trend in design and is a permanent evolutionary process of upgrading and zapping a home to greater convenience and style. Smart homes are no longer just about luxury but are becoming the norm where technology intertwines itself into the design of a home. Tech pieces become attractions of art in a home or office space. Home theatre systems, music systems, speakers, coffee machines, projectors synergise with the decor and look chic in their seamless, sci-fi like design. Speaking of India, the majority of the population is young, so naturally new trends are likely to be young in appeal.