

COLOUR WITH ACCENTS

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Enliven a neutral space - be it your living or bedroom by bringing in fabrics, colorful accessories and furnishings in different hues of bold, bright colours. To do this, we need to be able to look at the colours in the largest pattern in the room first - be it drapery, upholstery fabric, an Oriental rug or a large artwork.

Know your palette

In the overall palette of colour scheme, an interior setting can be translated to - 60 percent of the room's colour as walls, 30 percent of the room's colour as the upholstery, and furnishings.

10 percent of the room's colour as an accent piece or a floral arrangement.

Living spaces

Using an accent color in more than one place lends a sense of balance to the interior decor. Beige walls, comfortable upholstery, and a few accessories makes the residence a neutral oasis. In the living room, cream-colored upholstery fabric on a pair of shapely chairs or sofa set, a plush multicolored ottoman, or an armless love seat or settee adds charm to the decor. Tie-top draperies or a roman screen shade made from fabrics add pattern to the room. Pillows are a great way to add a quick burst of color. Changing pillows with the seasons or as your color scheme changes gives a fresh outlook to the interiors.

Dining rooms

A bare wooden flooring gives a clean and warm look to the dining and informal spaces and keeps the focus on the furnishings. The dining room holds a table, chairs and informal seating areas such as



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window niches, divan and a low height get together spaces. Texture comes from a bamboo-frame mirror or a vintage chandelier or wall clock. Interest arises from pattern and textures. Here, fabric offers softness and pattern as a table runner, drapes and seating upholstery. To add a splash of colour, a clear glass vase with flowers goes with any concept.

Bedrooms

Since some of the lighter tones of green are calming and create a peaceful ambience, they are good choices for the bedroom. Staying away from the darker and brighter versions of the color when adding them to places of relaxation and rest is a better option. Ac-

centuating the bedroom by mixing two accent colors and soft textures, such as velvet pillows or rugs will work well with the softer hues and help to create a depth to the room.

Balcony and outdoors

Highly saturated colors look best in full sun and it's easy to add pops of brightly hued colors of red, purples, and greens with carpets, furnishings and planting. Classic blue and white look fabulous for outdoor fabrics and furniture, especially when you mix up your patterns and shades of green planters. While it's easy to see why many of us choose to decorate our outdoor spaces with color, there's another perk about using bold colors out-

doors: they may be easier to keep clean. Whites, creams, and other light colors can quickly show the type of mess you find outdoors like dirt, sun-block stains, food spills, and plant debris.

String lighting and hanging paper lanterns on a hook or branch or placing them on the table in wide selection of shapes, sizes, and colors can lend an exotic ambience to an outdoor party. Use of small tea light candles or faux candles can light up and brighten the night.

Whether the idea is to revamp a bedroom or completely restyle a living space, mix and match of different elements from all of the above creates a personalized style and a refreshing interiors.