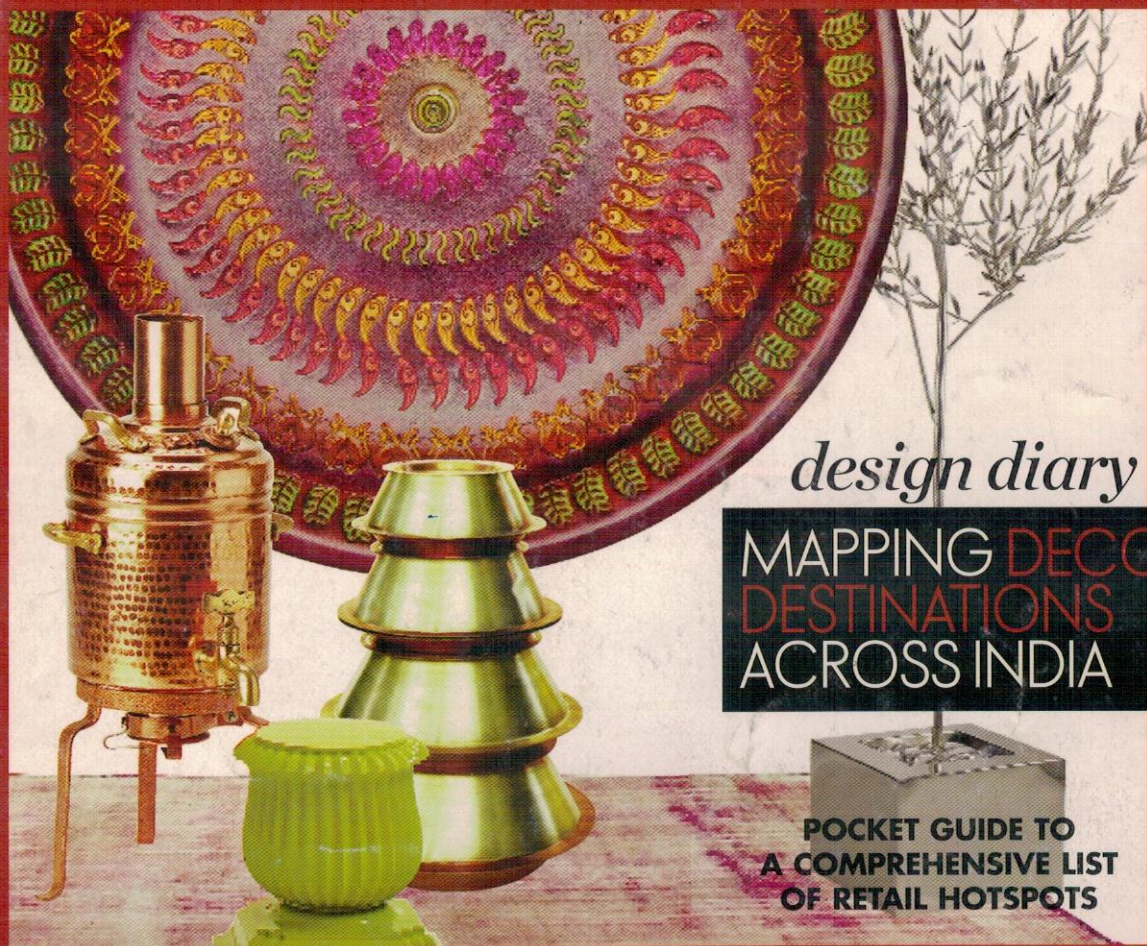


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SPEED DECORATING

your living room...



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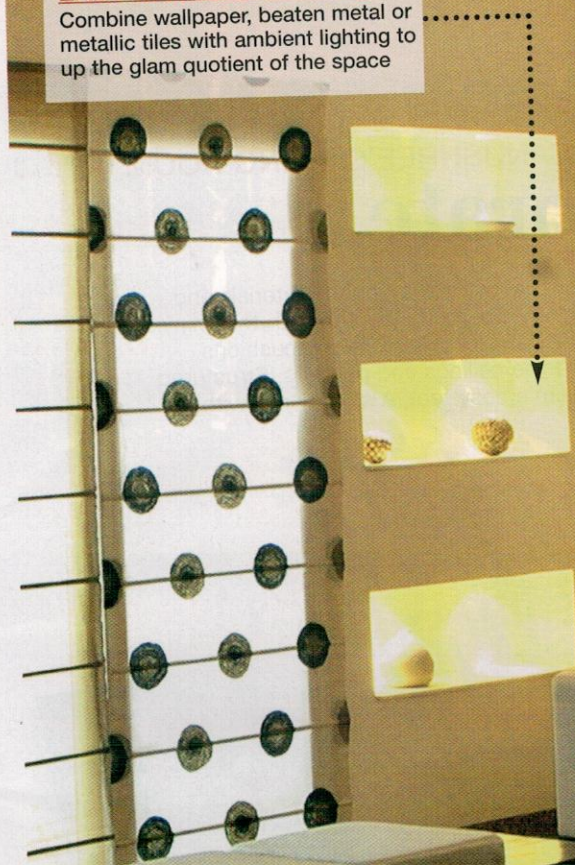
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New Delhi

If there's one thing you must remember here it's that this needs to be a visual treat with a hint of surprise. After all, this is going to wow the guests as much as it is going to differentiate you from the Jones'. You can make a big statement with an unexpected element in your living room – an oversized object, an art installation, bright colours, prints and textures, or an eccentric piece of furniture. Working unexpected objects and finishes into the interiors can put a personal stamp on a room. "Stretching old *zari* of a dark rich coloured saree across the wall or ceiling with a light fixture behind them to make a lamp wall," is a sure way of beating convention, says Manish Gulati. He adds, "Get as much light and colour as possible. One of the simplest methods of doing this would be to do an installation of brass plates in varying shapes and sizes on the ceiling, uplit by adjustable light fixtures." This is also one area where you can experiment with different shades – dark rich browns, deep pinks, bottle greens used sparingly work wonderfully as both base coats and as accents.

HOT TIP: Use a varied range of contrasting textures for an arresting palette

EASY MAKEOVER IDEA 1

Combine wallpaper, beaten metal or metallic tiles with ambient lighting to up the glam quotient of the space



EASY MAKEOVER IDEA 2

Work with basic tones for the upholstery allowing your surfaces to stand out. Throw colourful cushions to add warmth



FOCUS AREA THE LIVING ROOM
Project by Manish & Tanushree Gulati
Photograph by Amit Mehra

TO GET THE LOOK OF MANISH & TANUSHREE'S LIVING ROOM design & decorate...

When working with a mix of textures, mentally prepare a grid of materials and colours you want to use. This will help you balance the sedate with the shiny. Pair metallics with muted wood, white upholstery with colourful cushions. For ambient lighting, conceal your fixtures under false ceilings and pelmets. Structured seating options in restrictive spaces will help create a cosy feel. A shaggy rug with a centre table will help complete the look.



flooring & fabric options

FROM LEFT "HARMONY OAK LAVA" from Kahrs "DAMASCUS GLACE" from Elegant Marbles "MOD IVORY" by Maishaa from Home Stop "IVORY WHITE" GRANITE FLAMED FINISH from Graavaa "DIVINE DECOR" from Asian Tile

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