

Decor

IMPERFECTION IS THE KEY! WABI-SABI

This décor style, inspired by the Japanese aesthetics that celebrates imperfection, combines utility with minimalism. It will help you declutter your home in ways that can help you achieve mental peace

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This interior décor will not only allow you to lead a minimalist, decluttered lifestyle but also allow you to preserve things that are important. The key here is to keep personal possessions to a minimum and avoid clutter; things that have nostalgic value, beauty, utility or a combination of all three should be incorporated in the home without worrying about the perfect match or appealing to the general aesthetic.

HERE ARE
4 WAYS THROUGH WHICH YOU CAN INCORPORATE WABI-SABI DÉCOR AT HOME



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HANDMADE AND AGING

➔ One of the key elements of Wabi-Sabi is to embrace the imperfection and sustainable products. "Handmade items made from natural elements like wood, clay or ceramic are ideal for this kind of a décor; try to avoid plastic in any form. The rugged, raw styling and the uniqueness that only handmade products have are an ideal way to opt for this décor," says Abraham Santosh, head designer, Elegancia. Another aspect of this décor style is to allow your furniture to age gracefully. No, don't buy rustic/old looking furniture, just allow your furniture to age. Do take care of it so that it doesn't give up on you; age will add character to it.



2

EMBRACE THE UNIQUENESS

➔ Imagine a wooden centre table in your living room, a number of smaller knick-knacks on it - curios from your travel or a sentimental object close to your heart - that you don't mind being the conversation starters when you have guests at home. This way, your home is interesting and personal. Try to incorporate furniture or utility items that are transparent or made from natural elements and are in earthy tones. Santosh further adds, "To give a unique twist to your storage spaces, deconstruct them by displaying articles on the wall and floor space rather than



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having to place them inside designated shutters and containers. Cloth pieces, knick-knack, cutlery, crockery and/or any aesthetically sound décor can be displayed out in the open and excluded from being shadowed by the coverings of furniture facades." Abhay Jalpuria, partner, Vaya Home says, "Wabi-sabi draws on the colours of nature - lots of neutrals, greys, and earthy tones. An easy way to bring in the colour scheme through fabrics is to pick a simple yet elegant motif, or try to recreate a natural scope that is close to your heart through your fabrics."

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INCORPORATE THE LOCALS

➔ The style requires you to stay true to your roots and invest in the décor items that are close to the place you belong. Art that you created, a display item that was made by the local artisans is what will make your home authentic. Make sure that you do not over-do this; you can completely skip the artefacts if you feel like you don't have enough space for them in the house. The thumb rule being - decide a place for each item you buy; if you can't think of where to place it, don't buy it.

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AROMA, PLANTS AND LIGHT

➔ Hemil Parikh, founder, Elystum Abodes LLP says, "Incense is an old method of creating a tranquil and calm vibe at home. Choose a rustic holder made of a natural material for a truly down-to-earth feel." Also opt for diffusers, essential oils, aromatic candles and potpourri. Try to incorporate as much natural light as possible, open up the windows and allow the air to circulate. Place your work desk next to the windows so that you have enough light, and don't depend on artificial lighting. You could, perhaps, incorporate a few house plants to add some life to your home.

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