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TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING

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Celebrate your Indian roots with style, as you bring in the festivities this season. Here's to a traditional touch...

With the festive season taking place in full swing, it's simply the right time for celebration and this means now is the perfect time to redecorate your living space.

Along with the festivals, let's celebrate our tradition and culture as well — after all, India has a rich legacy and vibrant history, which if tapped with perfection can leave a lasting appeal.

Hence, let's go ethnic this season and infuse a traditional blend within our modern homes to celebrate the colours of India.

HEADING BACK TO YOUR ROOTS...

Yogesh Chaudhary, director - sales and marketing, Jaipur Rugs, discusses ways to get the perfect look if you're trying to go ethnic this season:

- **PLAY WITH EARTHY TONES:** The easiest way to get that traditional look and give your house that oh-so-desired *folksy* feel is to use the right colour palette. Our culture has no dearth of colours. Hence, you can always go for warm earthy tones like a **rich brown or burnt orange**, both of which get the theme across and are easy on the eyes.

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- **HANDICRAFTS:** Using hand-woven and handmade products will not only personalise your space, but also add a new dimension to your home.

- **ACCESSORISE:** Rugs and carpets are one of the best accessories for any room. Go for either a good solid rug or a nice ornate carpet that will complement all the other elements of your house. The more you pay attention to detailing and motifs, the more your room will get the desired look.

- **DRESS UP THAT WALL:** It is always paint or wallpaper. However, you can add an artistic piece or a traditionally weaved fabric, which can act as a beautiful tapestry and add a little more character to the room.

TIPS & TRICKS

KRSNAA MEHTA, design director at India Circus, spills the beans on ways to give your home a DIY traditional makeover:

✔ **FABRIC-COVERED DRAWER PULLS** Attention-to-detail is always well-noticed. Refresh existing hardware like door-knobs or drawer handles with ethnic fabric swatches. It's a pop of colour and culture you will notice every day!

✔ **USE MUGHAL *JAALIS*** or even Moroccan quatrefoil pattern to get symmetry on your walls and home décor.

✔ **COVER YOUR UPHOLSTERY** or cushions with ethnic printed fabric. From block prints to *chanderi* and batik to *kalamkari* — Indian prints foster a traditional appeal. Use these fabrics as covers for cushions or bolsters to infuse an easy traditional appeal into your home.

✔ **POLKA DOTS WITH PAISLEY PRINTS** do the trick nicely when you want to make an easy and elegant statement. Hence, use this super easy DIY idea for your bedroom or kitchen wall.