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# BEDROOM STORIES

AS PRIVATE SANCTUARIES FOR WELLNESS, THERE IS NO PLACE THAT COMES CLOSE TO BEDROOMS, AND NEW LAUNCHES ARE MAKING SURE THE SPACE REMAINS AS EXCITING AS EVER.

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**W**ith the bedroom being the most comfortable room in a home, new launches in the space are but natural. The year 2022 has seen new launches in bedrooms along with closet space with TV units, cabinets and sideboards.

**DO THE NEW**

The bedroom is becoming a place that is supposed to evoke emotions and is the most personal space in a home for individuals and should be representative of their personality. To provide options galore, the House of AC has collaborated with Italian furniture brand ALF Italia to showcase their Oceanum, Claire and Academia collections. “An interesting

thing about ALF is their approach to curating a space, their use of well-designed hardware, and a uniform colour board on different elements of a bedroom, which make the space very congruent and complete,” says Aman Choudhary, Creative Director, House of AC. Big furniture pieces are a one-time investment that people do not change frequently and hence are chosen with much thought. Namit Ajmani, Founder, IOTA Boutique Furniture, adds, “A well-designed closet is like a piece of custom-crafted furniture. Suitable finishes, decorative mouldings, and beautiful doors are designed to fit naturally into the space. Each wardrobe is thoughtfully crafted to reflect your lifestyle and storage needs. Our latest range also has Sliding Wardrobe Doors as a solution to your space-saving problem and your room appearance enhancement.”



- 1. Fully custom-created furniture, including padded beds with headboards, allows the designer to bring a luxurious contentment to the design.
- 2. Aman Choudhary, Creative Director, House of AC
- 3. Namit Ajmani, Founder, IOTA Boutique Furniture



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**FURNITURE FIX**

The Murphy bed is one of the most popular pieces of bedroom furniture and is trending in 2022. Then, there is the multifunctional corner wardrobe-cum-study table unit that is also popular. “For kids’ bedrooms, we are seeing a huge demand for bunk beds, and we have showcased some of our innovative bunk beds in all our experience centres,” says Swati Santani, VP, Design R&D, Design Café. Nandha Ravichandran, Principal Designer, Agam Design Studio, adds, “Our Elysian themed furniture seeks to reconceptualise prosaic wooden furniture by incorporating shades and patterns inspired by nature. The sturdy wooden base, fused with intricate cord weaving, brings about a taut yet refined quality to the furniture. Ukiyo is a collection of wooden furniture characterised by solid hollows with

elaborate cane weaving. Clean lines, structured spaces and sophisticated designs are characteristic of the Ukiyo themed furniture.”

**DÉCOR DETAILS**

Summer is usually that time of the year when people choose to either change the décor of their homes completely or go in for focused room renovation. Bedrooms and closets are often the most popular subjects for the latter. “Keeping this in mind, we have launched a number of products that we feel will brighten up or enhance bedroom spaces. These include designer wooden bedside tables, lounge chairs, coffee tables, wall hangings, bedroom-specific wallpaper, designer summer-ready cotton bed sheets, runners for the bed, rugs and mats, bedside lamps as well as floor/table lamps



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4. Swati Santani, VP, Design R&D, Design Café

5. Nandha Ravichandran, Principal Designer, Agam Design Studio

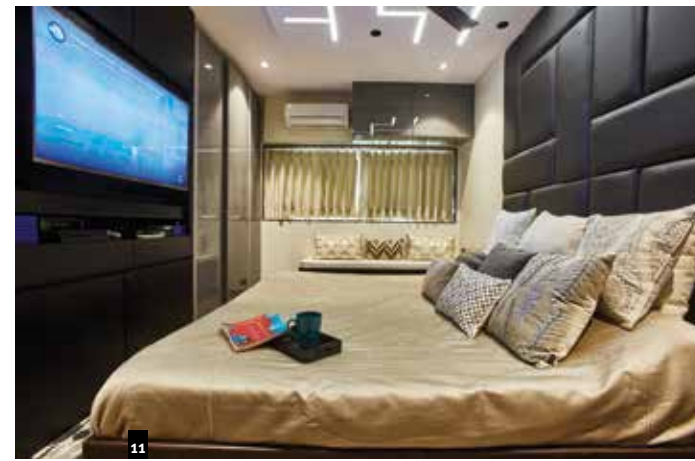
6. Meenu Agarwal, Founder & Interior Designer, MADS Creations

7. The Queen/Paris & Glory beds are upholstered in water-resistant fabric and provided with sensor lights to further enhance the overall look of the bed.

8. The wall mounted Murphy bed by Design Café is a fantastic way to add a subtle elegance to bedrooms.

9. Oceanum Collection has warm wood that matches the brushed finish of the metal parts perfectly.

10. The Elysian bedroom is characteristic of geometric shapes and compact furniture with a sturdy wooden base fused with intricate cord weaving.



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and wall-mounted lights,” says Jitesh Agarwal, Founder, WallMantra. Less is more stands true for the features of the bedroom. Sejal Parikh, Interior Designer, WoodenStreet, says, “Large, fitted wardrobes, hanging lamps, smart storage spaces, and multi-functional furniture pieces are some of the top features of bedrooms. Minimalist headboards have now been replaced with oversized ones. Earlier, neutral shades were in trend, but we are now seeing a huge move away from that scheme to bold and daring shades. So, if furniture and decor are in lighter finishes, tone up the colours of the walls, or vice versa.”

**WOW WARDROBES**

Contemporary spaces today are not just contemporary in style, but also in utility. Optimal utilisation of space is the new luxury in contemporary living. “In wardrobe spaces - digital door locks, wardrobe locks, fine finishes on wardrobe shutters, including glass shutters, and automated closet accessories are some fine launches that can be incorporated. For the bedroom space - motorised beds for the elderly, motorised curtains and automated mood lighting make the cut for utilitarian contemporary apartments,” say Dhvani Bhatiya & Rhea Jacob Eapen, Co-founders, Design Attic. Meenu Agarwal, Founder & Interior Designer, MADS Creations, adds, “Incorporating

clever storage has become an important aspect of the design process, and we expect it to remain so as we strive to eliminate the clutter for a peaceful and comfortable bedroom.”

**TREND CHECK**

Bedrooms today are no more just spaces to sleep in, they are places where people would want to quarantine in style too. With work-from-home being the new way of life in residential spaces, people wish to elevate their everyday experience in their private spaces with a strong personal touch. “We have designed bespoke bedroom experiences catering to various personas with distinct personal lifestyles. For instance, a master bedroom reflecting the love of wildlife safari with a larger-than-life antler bed back. The fresh yet warm splash of colours that even dresses the wardrobe façade is a trend that integrates wardrobes with interiors in compact spaces,” says Kaish Agarwal, MD, Jaipur Design Company, Interior Designer, Nest Jaipur. Siddhi Karwa, Founder and Creative Director, Unfurl Studio, adds, “Adding gold accents is one of the most popular trends in this space. Anything looks richer, more glam, and the right amount of decorative with a touch of gold accent. The best part is it fits into any theme or style of design. One can use wallpaper on the ceilings



11. Modern contemporary bedrooms have motorised beds for elderly, motorised curtains and automated mood lighting.

12. The Tulip bedroom by Nest Jaipur lavishly flaunts the 14 shades of beige and grey. The mirror clad wardrobes provide an understated elegance of finesse.

13. This Buddha wallpaper from WallMantra adds an elegant touch to bedrooms.

14. Kaish Agarwal, MD, Jaipur Design Company, Interior Designer of Nest Jaipur

15. Uttamadiya, CEO and Founder, U&I Interiors



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16. Siddhi Karwa, Founder and Creative Director, Unfurl Studio

17. Sudakshina Chacko, Interior Designer, Stylist & Space Planner

18. Biophilic design has been incorporated into bedrooms following the pandemic through vegetation, windows, skylights, and the use of natural materials.

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merely to give the room a richer look than paint and make it feel cozy.”

### GREEN MATTERS

Natural and recycled materials, as well as the installation of home automation with energy-saving gadgets that allow heating and lighting to be controlled remotely are in. “From a sustainability standpoint, the best choices are made from recycled materials such as salvaged wood, recycled textiles, and reused materials. Natural materials such as bamboo and rattan are also excellent choices for furniture and home



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décor,” says Uttamaditya, CEO and Founder, U&I Interiors. Biophilic design has been incorporated into bedrooms following the pandemic through vegetation, windows, skylights, and the use of natural materials. Because space is limited in the closets, a lot of modular multi-function furniture is used. Home buyers and renters are going for the recycling approach of their old furniture to create new ones. Breaking down old wooden sideboards to create wood panels for the bed and closet is a common practice. “Distressing existing furniture to give a modest yet voguish appeal is trending. Distress paint is an eco-friendly way to add to the old-world charm of any space without creating any waste as the furniture is, in a manner, being upcycled for a fresh look,” says Sudakshina Chacko, Interior Designer, Stylist & Space Planner. Home is where the heart is; and bedroom is where the comfort is.

### CONTEMPORARY BEDROOM LIGHTING DESIGN

Bedrooms are synonymous with comfort and relaxation. Lighting can greatly affect us biologically and psychologically by impacting the serotonin and melatonin levels in our body that govern sleep patterns, moods, and overall wellbeing. Aryaman Jain, CEO, Innovative Lighting Designs Limited (ILD), says, “A lighting scheme for any room and especially a bedroom cannot be successful without layered lighting for sleeping, reading, getting ready in the morning and the like. This requirement can only be fulfilled by effectively balancing three layers of lighting in your bedroom, namely - ambient, task and accent Lighting. Contrary to common perception, good ambient lighting is an ideal mix of natural and artificial lighting. Activities like reading, working, or helping you see the apparels in your wardrobe clearly can be achieved with task lighting. If you are looking to personalise your bedroom with artwork, or intend to highlight an interior or architectural feature, the accent lighting layer will provide your space with focal points of interest by adding



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the necessary drama to it. The types of luminaries to be used depend a lot on the scale and proportion of your bedroom. Lighting design is no more a stand-alone process in the act of space-making but a cumulative one between interior and architectural designs.”

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20. This bedroom by Sudhakshina Designs showcases smart space planning by including hidden side closets and convertible shelves.

21. A bedroom requires warm, welcoming, comfortable lighting that spreads uniformly through the space.

22. Activities like reading, working, or helping you see the apparel in your wardrobe clearly requires task lighting.

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