

Cool furnishing trends to spruce up your home



Interior decor can furnish your home into a beautiful and comfortable living space.

Photo: The Furniture Mall

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Come home to a comfortable and stylish abode. More than just a living space with four walls, home is where memories are created and family ties strengthened.

Whether you live in a modest-sized unit or a spacious home, there are countless interior decor options to fit your lifestyle and preferences.

Mr Paul Keng, the managing director of The Furniture Mall noted that aside from popular interior decor themes such as industrial chic and avant-garde, themes such as minimalist, Bohemian and contemporary styles are also gaining traction among homeowners.

Catering to diverse preferences and styles, The Furniture Mall is a one-stop shopping mall with more than 70 international and local brands housed by 40 reputable stores. Founded in the 90s, The Furniture Mall's concept was mooted by the Singapore Furniture Association to bring together major local retailers from the furniture and furnishing industry to foster collaboration and benefit from economies of scale.

Hot interior decor themes

A minimalist design is modern, classy and has minimal clutter. With furnishings that offer clean silhouettes accentuated by proper lighting, the design concept can allow your living space to look more spacious.

Mr Keng said: "The Bohemian style is gypsy inspired, bold, adventurous and carefree. A significant amount of personal touches are often included to create an aesthetically balanced and tasteful living space.

"In short, Bohemian styling is an unrestrained, no-holds-barred approach to interior design, where rules are unlimited and undefined."

He said: "Meanwhile, contemporary styling is cool and safe. It is rather versatile, as it is neither vintage nor rustic. It comprises a non-minimalistic mix of conventional and trendy furniture pieces that may be used with walls painted in neutral hues. Homeowners can even choose to add more pieces if they like."

No matter what trend you choose to adopt in your home, you don't need to restrict it to your living room. You can even extend the theme to your bedroom.

Bedroom considerations

Whether you are going for a modern or country look in your bedroom, the importance of a good night's sleep cannot be overemphasised.

In today's fast-paced, stressful lifestyle, beds are fast becoming a key consideration to homeowners, many of whom are willing to splurge on luxurious beds.

Ms Janet Soh, the country manager of Tempur Singapore, said that consumers are increasingly interested in adjustable beds.

With multiple hinges, these adjustable beds give

users the option to incline their upper bodies in a more upright position. Such a function is useful when you plan to do some reading or use your technological devices before bedtime. They can also help to save space.

Consumer preferences in mattresses

A good night's sleep leaves you well rested and ready to start the day. A suitable mattress which offers ample support for your body will improve the quality of your sleep.

Ms Soh noted that speciality mattresses are becoming popular. Unlike conventional spring mattresses, these mattresses can be made of other materials such as memory foam or latex.



Invest in a suitable mattress to get good quality sleep.

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To read more about key furnishing ideas and trends for mattresses and sofas, turn inside.

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Creating your perfect home need not be a mind-boggling task, when décor ideas are abound with diverse themes. Simply select one theme or combine a couple and you'll be on your way to owning a haven for your perfect repose.

Interior décor themes in trend, to name a few, entail classical ones, contemporary, vintage, bohemian, psychedelics, minimalism, avant-garde and modern industrial.

CLASSIC YET CONTEMPORARY



Going classic, one has a choice of updated conventional styling, in the form of Chinese, Country-western, French, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Mediterranean or Peranakan themes with befitting pieces of bespoke furniture and adornments to complete the look.

VINTAGE WITH A BOHEMIAN TWIST



This spells romance with time immemorial. Combined with boho chic décor of retro influence, the union is characteristic of old-world charm. Quaint and exquisite.

MINIMALISM



Spacious living within the confines of less substantial living areas. To achieve this, functional pieces of furniture are essential with hidden storage spaces, such as bedframes with drawers, consoles with compartments and kitchenettes aesthetically designed with full functional capacity.

AVANT-GARDE & PSYCHEDELICS



Cutting-edge designer pieces rule, with brightly-coloured hues of paint splashes on walls or graphical representations on wallpaper and art pieces to effect an awesomely cool interior, usually signature to the personality of the home creator.

MODERN INDUSTRIAL



Rustic and natural materials are generously used for defining this utilitarian look. Accents usually come in the form of sturdy metal-structured fixtures. The overall ambience may be steely and woody, yet with floral accessories, the design theme exudes style and character.

WHERE ALL GOOD IDEAS COME TOGETHER

With the current trends of 2016 leading the way forward, you can be more than confident to create and adorn your dream home, building it to last, for you and your loved ones.

