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Stylish upholstery from The Pure Concept

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BIG ON TWEED AND TEXTURE

Isa Arora, Product Development, D'Tone Experts
Textured linens and linen blends with an organic look and feel, dyed in rich yet subtle shades of earth and ocean, give a sophisticated look. As far as upholstery goes, current trends include textures, looks of linen and wool woven in smart, modern colours like burnt rust, deep maroon, grey, beige and mustard. Tweeds are popular in an eclectic range of small scale woven patterns ranging from contemporary plaids to soft and sensational plaid tweeds.
PRICE: ₹640 to ₹765 per metre (waxed), ₹440 to ₹1,445 per metre (linen). **AT:** www.dtone.com

SELECTING WINTER FABRICS

Charu Kaur, Design Director, The Pure Concept
Materials like velvet, chenille, silks, wool and wool blends, and thick linens are perfect for the cold weather. Thick cotton and linen can also be used to create a casual yet chic look. Jute and bowers are trending right now. Tribal ethnic motifs are also very popular. Just remember that small scale patterns and motifs work better for upholstery and large motifs for cushions and drapes. One can also experiment with a mix while doing up any space in the home.
PRICE: ₹1,895 to ₹10,500 per metre
AT: www.thepureconcept.com

ON A QUILT TRIP

Shawn Nayak, Director, BedVivi Home
Quilts are always the most wanted product during the winter months. Velvet quilts are warm but these are not the only types of quilts available. There are quilted bed spreads for decor; these are typically made of dupion silk and polyester silk and lend an upmarket and plush look. They are great for colour blocking and adding a cosy look to your winter bed. Down feathered quilts are another great option to keep

warm, while looking stylish. Then there are lighter weight quilts for tropical weather and, mid-weight and multi-seasonal quilts that can be used around the year in cities like Mumbai and Pune. Motifs and patterns that are trending include tribal and folk themes.
PRICE: ₹9,000 to ₹14,000
AT: www.bedvivihome.com

THE LITTLE LEAGUE

Sanskriti Generalwala, Founder, Little West Street
Instead of purchasing heavier and bulkier coverings made for adults, blankets are a better choice for the little ones. There are three options to choose from, super-soft cotton quilts in soothing colours with beautiful embroideries and soft cotton fling for warmth and comfort; beautiful cotton dobies that easily convert to a plush comforter by inserting a duster and a four-layer minky blanket in fun, bright prints.
PRICE: ₹4,000 onwards
AT: www.littleweststreet.com

DECODING COLOUR

Nirish Arora, Managing Director of D'Cor Furnishings
In the living room, orange and turquoise are great pop accents that reveal a sense of optimism, while a mix of geometric patterns and soft textures add magic. Natural greens and blues create a relaxed setting for a bedroom or loft space. In the dining area, lively earthy, woody, vegetal and mineral shades are in, all with a fringe of sunset yellow. This ensures your palette has a mix of bright colours as well as warm shades. For places where it is not that cold, warmth can be created by choosing the right colours. Opt for gingham checks or deep colours such as plaid, tones of purple and carmine red.
PRICE: ₹700 to ₹1,500. **AT:** Pvide Furnishings, 229, Vijaya Building, SV Road, Bandra West, Mumbai

IT'S A MATERIAL WORLD

Sreyas Jha, Founder and Creative Director, La Kairee
Heavy weight linens and silks, tullefin, damasks, pique



Art fabric and wall papers from UK based brand Liberty available at Apartment9



Winter furnishings range of cushions and upholstery from D'Cor

Burgundy collection from D'Decor

fabrics, high thread count cottons and chartrays are ideal for cold winter months. For places with tropical weather, washed-out linens, high-thread count cottons and chartrays work well.
PRICE: ₹2,500 to ₹1,75,000
AT: www.lakiree.com

MAINTENANCE IS A MUST

Dipal Goshal, CEO & Executive Director, Hologan India Ltd
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