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# Local and Natural

We went to the design experts for their best advice on how to design and decorate homes for the year ahead, without going over the top, allowing for enhancement of quality and with a spotlight on energy efficient spaces

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In terms of materials of homes, there's a growing pride in 'local', which makes these architects very happy as it's inherently sustainable to use local materials. "Cement flooring and terrazzo is slowly coming back, it's great for easy maintenance. Technology is playing a growing part. Integration of home appliances and automation will be a big feature (in the coming year)," says architect Sonali Rastogi.

One tends to select materials in terms of luxury, maintenance, climate. "There's a growing

movement to exhibit luxury in terms of craft, where local crafts and techniques are infused with modern techniques and interpreted in contemporary ways to produce something truly bespoke. We are very lucky to have the range of crafts that we do in India, and rather than allowing them to die, as they currently are, we should find new ways to encourage and express these. We are currently doing exactly this—getting traditional bricklayers to create the facades for a high-end luxury house in Delhi," she informs.



## Sonali Rastogi

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