

## NATURAL SELECTION

Wallpapers are inspired by flora and fauna this season



### FOR THE FLAMBOYANTS

More mature palettes and mid-tones are making a comeback, with a subtle shift from dark to soft yet bold colours. "Digital and technology innovations have caused massive paradigm shifts. When we set out to forecast colour and decor trends, this is where we start," says Amit Syngle, COO, Asian Paints. For instance, Asian Paints' colour of the year, 'Awakening,' a shade of plum is "alive with the dynamism of being woke." Khosla echoes the sentiment: "Play up the hue! Throw in a deep indigo blue or a tan leather chair."



Amit Syngle

### FOR THE CLASSICS

Multiple paint companies—from Asian Paints in India to Farrow and Ball in the UK—are leaning towards smoky tones this year. Says award-winning interior designer Iram Sultan, "Homes trending on social media platforms have primarily been serene, couched in neutrals with a small pop of colour." Asian Paints' F-Luxe palette, with colours like 'Peanut Butter', 'Steel Grey', 'Arabian Sand', 'Vineyard', 'Pebble Moss' and 'Crowded Beach', is perfect for those who prefer timeless over trendy. "The colours are unassuming yet confident, evoking a quiet richness," says Syngle. Khosla suggests ditching white ceilings for taupe and grey tones or shades of beige. "Don't be afraid to use textures and patterns," she says.



Iram Sultan

### FOR THE FUSS-FREE

Easy to use on almost all surfaces, with low levels of toxic emissions, easy cleaning and quick drying, water-based paints have become increasingly popular over the years. JSW Paints offers a complete range of exclusive water-based paints. The brand claims the paints contain no solvents. "Water-based paints are not just washable but they are odourless too. Many of my clients now experiment with drawings on the wall, and prefer to do so with water-based paints," adds interior designer and stylist Kavita Singh, who also suggests blending the contemporary with Indian vintage pieces to add more character. ■



Kavita Singh



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1. 'Palmyra Paradis Midnight' wallpaper, **Good Earth x Asian Paints Nilaya** Collection, ₹16,000 (for 33ft x 1.7ft)
2. 'Grey Anar Mor' wallpaper, **Payal Singhal x Marshalls**, starting ₹227/sqft
3. 'Wild Garden 05' wallpaper, Lizzo at **RR Decor**, ₹60,000 (for 70cms)
4. Grey Fluttering Feathers Envisage' wallpaper, **India Circus** by **Krsnaa Mehta**, ₹3,300/sqm