

Before the age of five, children do not know how to lie in order to cause harm. If they lie, it is because they do not know the difference between right and wrong and between fact and fiction. They may also lie to make themselves look good and get attention.



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Avoid caffeine, eat berries: Habits that can help you get more sleep



Consuming berries

can help produce

how you eat before bed affects your sleep. But did you know that your eating choices throughout the day may also affect your sleep at night? "Although it is difficult to determine whether these two trends are causally linked to one another, more and more research points to linkages between sleep and diet," says Erica Jansen, a nutritional epidemiologist from the University of

She adds, "Studies have linked consumption of fatty fish, dairy, kiwi fruit, tart cherries, and other berries like strawberries and blueberries with better sleep. One of the pathways through which these foods may affect sleep is by providing melatonin, an important modulator of sleep and wake cycles in the brain.

Foods to avoid for your sleep health

 Refined carbohydrates, such as those in white bread and pasta, are metabolised quickly. If you eat these foods for

 Caffeine consumed even six hours before bed can make it difficult to fall asleep because it blocks the hormone adenosine, which promotes

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Keys to a good

Focus on overall healthy

the day, with a higher

proportion of calories

consumed earlier in the

day. And, in addition to

avoiding caffeine, and

heavy meals in the two

technology, reduce light

comfortable and relaxing environment for sleep.

exposure and create a

to three hours before

bed, disengage from

dietary patterns throughout

night's sleep



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This year, why not give your home a quick makeover with some simple yet effective modifications. From updating your furniture to incorporating some cheerful accessories, here's how you can

transform your space.

EMBRACE ART

Colours and art can make any space stand out. Whether it's by way

of upholstery, cushions, or curtains, the right combination of hues and textures can lend a space a distinctive character. Saniya Kantawala, the principal designer and founder of an interior design firm, shares, "Incorporating elements like handwoven rugs with intricate patterns, and vibrant tapestries or symbolic artwork on walls, will significantly impact the ambience of your home. Moreover, integrating statement pieces like ornate mirtive hues and prints.

SAY VES TO SHELVES and movable wooden

rors or sculptures will also redefine the space's aesthetic." If vou're keen to give your walls a fresh update, you can even opt for wallpapers in attrac-

Teaming functionality with aesthetics, shelves are a great option for those who want to update their space without impacting the structure of the house. For this, you can choose between wall-mounted



etc. whilst also helping to organise your belongings.

UPDATE YOUR FURNITURE

Furniture is a major component of home decor and plays a dominant role in your design palette. Thankfully, you don't need to purchase new furniture to give your space a refreshing update. Simply reupholster your pieces with vibrant fabrics in varied designs, textures and colours for a unique appearance. "Handmade rattan or cane furniture pieces, such as chairs, tables, or even lighting fixtures like pendant lamps, will not only exude a distinct warmth but also

and peace into your living space but also help you stay connected with nature and the outdoors. Go for flowering plants to add colour and vibrancy in your space," Plants also offer numerous benefits, for instance, some of them purify the air, provide relief from stress and more, making them useful additions in a

only usher in calm

ILLUMINATE YOUR INTERIORS

Lighting can play a key role in setting and uplifting the mood. Highlighting some ways in which people can give their home a modern touch, Devyani Gupta, the co-founder of a furniture

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Affordable, quick, and easy: The home makeover manual everyone needs

If you're out of ideas to give your home a fresh look, then these design cues will come to your rescue



shelves. Not only will

character and charm to your space. These shelves can be used for

displaying decor elements like plants, books, artefacts, clocks, craftsmanship and enrich your space," suggests Kantawala.

showcase artisanal

INDOOR GARDEN When it comes to creating a pleasing atmosphere in the house, nothing works quite as effectively as plants, Sajal Lamba, the co-founder and director of a luxury furniture brand, shares, "Consider dedicating a small section of your home, like an empty corner or space near the window, for an indoor or kitchen garden. This will not designing studio, shares, "Upgrade your lights by switching to adjustable fixtures like pendant lights with dimmer switches that allow you to control the light intensity based on the desired ambience, sculptural floor lamps that serve as artistic statements, or LED panels behind furniture or architectural features for ambient lighting."

With a few minor upgrades and additions, you can uplift your abode and fill it with positivity.



Whether it's athleisure outfits, everyday jewellery, or statement bags—take on the year in style with our handpicked selection of must-have pieces

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ou don't need an occasion or reason to shop. Whether it's hoodies and sweatshirts, or cosy knitted sweaters, activewear and morethere's plenty you can buy this season. "With athleisure growing in popularity, activewear items like leggings, and tracksuits are seeing a surge in demand alongside lounge-

a fashion brand. **PRECIOUS**

wear," informs Shivani

Parikh, the founder of

PURCHASES From delicate everyday wear to bold statement pieces, jewellery can make for a timeless acquisition. While classic silver and gold baubles never go out of style, a growing number of customers are also adding gemstones to their jewellery collections. Explaining the reasons behind this, Pranita Bhatia Mehta, the founder and creative director of a jewellery brand, shares, "Jewels adorned with precious gemstones, such as diamonds, emeralds, rubies, pearls, and sapphires, can capture attention like no other."

ALLURING **ACCESSORIES**

The right accessories can uplift any outfit. From compact clutches to stylish handbags,

baguettes and morethere are various handbags you can consider. Moreover, footwear too can help you elevate your ensemble. Men can consider boots and shoes while women can vouch for heels or ballerinas. For a more casual look. consider sneakers and sandals.

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GADGETS Whether you are a tech freak or just want to flaunt a wearable device, gadgets are exactly what you need. Sachin Tari, an employee at an insurance company, says, "A smartwatch will not only motivate me to stick to my fitness goals, but also give my outfits a stylish edge." Laptops and tablets are also a leading choice among gadget

With options aplenty, make the most of your shopping spree by considering these



