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One of the biggest design considerations today is perhaps the lack of space. So how does one ensure efficient space allocation without compromising on luxury and style? Our homes in 2019 may be getting smaller, but they would also be smarter, more structured, greener and luxurious.

In the following pages, we show you how to achieve that perfect harmony, with top tips from architects and designers.



A FRESH PALATE





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Big or small, contemporary or conventional, the kitchen is the epicentre of every Indian home. No other room in a house, apart from the bathroom, serves such a distinct purpose. We try to decode kitchen design trends for 2019.

Although white kitchens continue to be classic options, these spaces will no longer be boring. So expect kitchens with bright and pop colours, with metallic finishes for appliances. Storage space and ventilation will be of top priority, and the area around sinks will be better utilised. Instead of granite, materials such as

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quartz will be used for countertops, as the latter is easier to maintain and has a shimmering, timeless appeal. Stoves, cooktops and chimneys will don the brightest of bright colours in the coming season. “Metal components, such as metal frames, hoods and open units, are the trends to look out for. A rough powder-coated finish is also something that is catching up fast. But the master material to look out for is Fenix NanoTech Matt Material, which is taking over the market right now. The

KITCHENS



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nanotechnological material from Arpa Industriale, has revolutionised the world of interior design. It is not only beautiful to look at but, most importantly, is a high-tech material that is water-repellent and bacteria-resistant,” **Ashita Parmar, COO, EIPL Group**, says.

Open layouts are here to stay! Designers are breaking down walls and creating open kitchens that do not feel isolated. Kitchen ceilings are also getting a makeover, with industrial designs and pendant lights creating bright, vibrant spaces. Forget mouldings and frills, it is time for strong lines and geometric shapes for walls and ceilings, with wood lookalikes for floors. The minimalist movement reaches the kitchen with more homeowners opting for cleaner lines and convenient storage. Instead of sticking out, appliances will be integrated together with the aid of clever panelling and built-ins. Upper cabinets will also gradually disappear and deeper drawers will make a comeback.



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