

USE OF GLASS IN BATH AND KITCHEN DESIGN

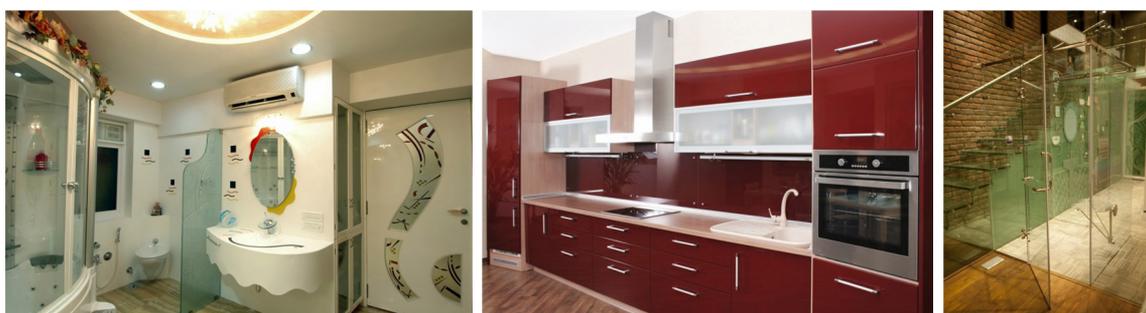
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Glass has changed one's perception with its wide spectrum of properties. With a mammoth of colours, sizes, shapes and textures, glass is the most desired and preferred materials over its counterparts for owners and designers. With its endless possibilities, sky is the limit.

Traditionally, materials to decorate homes have been wood, metal or fabric. But few people visualized 'glass' to metamorphose an appealing aesthetic to interiors. Available in a wide

variety of styles, colours, designs and textures; glass has the potential to create stunning ambiance to elevate one's lifestyle. Its various collections: lacquered, crackled, etched and frosted, tempered, laminated, ceramic frit, patterned, printed, etc.; speaks for sophisticated and contemporary interiors.



BATHROOMS

Lately, home owners are looking at modern bathroom décor- unique and sophisticated. With mammoth of glass collections available at market, myriad options for bathroom décor can be achieved without a hitch. Besides, its unparalleled high-end appearance makes it the most desired material for many home owners.

Modern shower designs: They have evolved over the years replacing traditional shower doors and curtains with an elegant glass cubicles. Glass screens and shower enclosures are specifically designed to cater to modern lifestyles offering utility and aesthetic appeal.

Glass screens and shower enclosures of high quality tempered glass and laminated glass with PVB interlayer, apart from being extremely safe and durable, provide an illusion of a large bathroom. This property of glass makes for elegant and stylish bathroom designs. Shower enclosures add beauty to the bathroom giving it a contemporary look and fulfilling the basic criteria of a separate wet and dry area, leaving the bathroom looking great all the time.

Glass shelves are light, unobtrusive and ideal for bathrooms. They make the bathrooms look larger and brighter. Wide range of mirrors in terms of effects, patterns, colours are available to enhance bathroom design with stylish look.

Glass tiles can be used on shower walls, tub surrounds and as a back-splash. Lacquered/back painted glass are ideal application in bathrooms. Its unique coloured, opaque appearance adds life to the décor. In addition, they are moisture resistant.

Glass washbasins are yet another unique application in bathroom, these days. Clear, tinted, frosted or patterned glass are used for designing these washbasins.

KITCHENS

Kitchens have come a long way from being just a place to prepare breakfast and dinner. The preference for open kitchens in most modern homes has furthermore led to a trend of combining the dining space with the cooking space. All of this means that today's kitchen has to be designed as aesthetically appealing and inviting as it functionally sounds. The challenge here is to have it blend with overall design of the house while retaining its unique look. And if there's one material that can help with all of the above is glass.

Counter-tops & Cabinets: Use of glass for kitchen counter-tops have become very popular. Glass counter-tops can be customized to various colours, sizes and shapes. Combining counter-tops with glass back-splashes and cabinets creates a stylish and colourful ambiance. However, use of glass in kitchen is not limited to back-splashes and counter-tops. Besides its various advantages over other materials, stain-resistant and easy maintenance of glass are its selling points.

Glass creates a perception of extent of space; makes it look larger and brighter. Clear, frosted, fabric laminated, lacquered/back painted glasses can be used depending upon the interiors of the home. Moreover, pantry doors can also feature a glass panel to match a particular theme or décor.

Glass offers an endless possibilities both in terms of design and functionality. The only limit is one's imagination.