

Makeover for your balcony

Balcony is a space rarely utilized effectively to complement the rest of the finely designed portions of the house. In the beginning years of stay, care may be taken to keep that space tidy. Some may even have a few plant pots. But gradually that space makes way for empty cartons, cloth dryers, even broomsticks and mopping clothes invariably.

If planned and managed properly, you can turn your balcony into a retreat. All you need is a little bit of effort and interest.

You can go for a balcony bigger in size than the usual Indian style and make it a retreat space detached from the rest of the house.

Imagine beautiful flowering plants hanging around your balcony, while garden stones and soft grass adorn the floor. You would certainly feel some life in the concrete space.

You can design your balcony according to your taste and need. If you love plants and want to create a tranquil space, you can create a small garden on your balcony. Depending on the availability of sun light directly coming in to the balcony, you may have ordinary or shade-tolerant varieties of plants. You can have plant pots on the floor or neatly arranged on some customized wooden frames according to the space. You may also go for a few hanging potted plants. If you like birds then go for a small bird house among these hanging plants giving it the perfect feeling of a garden.

Adding modest furniture like a swing or a few small wooden chairs would add to the beauty.

There can even have a small barbecue on one corner of the balcony making the space suitable for small family gathering or perfect retreat space during weekends.

You can design decorative grass with garden stones for your balcony. Nowadays, artificial lawn is also available. The best thing is if something doesn't work, we can discard it completely and try something new.

You can thus transform this otherwise neglected area into a welcoming portion of your house which is perfect for a morning cup of coffee or family chit-chat. Wouldn't it be a great feeling when you go out to water the plants or sit at your balcony simply enjoying the breeze in the evening?