

It can be of contrast colour, or asymmetrical in shape or of a pattern that breaks the monotone of the room.

Revive the dining table: The dining table is the focal point of the dining room, where most of the day's festivities take place. You can get a local carpenter to give it a varnish. However, you can also opt for waxing the table. You will find the wax and foam at local hardware stores. Then you need to find a table cloth, runners and mats. You can reuse



old fabrics such as saris or scarves and get them stitched to make a unique table cloth and runner. Stores such as Aarong and Jatra have a wide variety of locally made table cloths, runners and mats.

Organise and clean dinner accessories: We all have a shelf or cupboard full of crockeries and cutlery we rarely use. We save them for special occasions, such as Eid. Often times we have some missing pieces of cups or saucers. Organise and wash crockeries and cutlery so that they are within reach. It will also save you from

frantically looking for a missing cup or saucer while your guests are waiting.

Buy new lamps: Even if you have simple furnishings, effective lighting can transform the mood of your home. You do not need to get pricey chandeliers to add charm to your living space. Shops such as Jatra and Aarong have an ample supply of beautiful yet affordable lamps. You can get floor lamps, hanging paper lamps or table lamps. You will also find lighting shops in



Gulshan that have imported lamps in a wide range of prices.

Fix all everyday dysfunctional utilities: You know what these are! Perhaps the toilet flush is not working for weeks, yet you forget to fix it! Or that the living room fan regulator has not been working for a while. It is time to fix these tiny dysfunctional utilities that are so important for us to maintain balance in our homes. You would want your guests to be comfortable as much as possible and just imagine how uncomfortable your guests will feel if they

find the toilet flush is not working!

Get indoor plants and flowers: Adding some greens to your home will bring positivity and peace. You can get some indoor potted plants or water based money plants. Get fresh flowers the night before Eid which would lovingly welcome your guests for a scrumptious feast. Place the flowers as a décor item on the middle of the dining table or in the entryway. These organic additions will add warmth



and comfort to your home.

These are simple, practical and useful tips that you can use to revive your home. Start early and plan the steps out so that you do not get stressed while you are fasting. Ramadan is a very special time, and Eid is the day when you get to enjoy the celebration of sacrifice and devotion. Take care of your home from early on so that the celebration is observed with ease and merriment.

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