

Designs in drapery

Curtains are the most popular form of window treatments in Bangladesh, but which sort of curtains are in vogue at the moment with the Dhaka dwellers? The key words are gorgeous yet classy, with a touch of modern sophistication.

GO GLAM!

Roaming around and visiting the famous curtain shops in the city, it may be concluded that the styles of gorgeously embroidered dramatic draping is considered to be very fashionable even now!

Shops such as 'Home Décor' and 'Curtain Corner' on Elephant Road are awash with such magnificently decorated curtains, which will give a regal touch to your home. There are synthetic Chinese products with a unique glaze to the fabric; price ranges from Tk550 to Tk1000 per yard.

ALL ABOUT THE PRETTY SHEERS!

While layering is popular, the overall look remains clean, and the palette is usually consistent for both treatments. Blending colours rather than contrasting ones work best when you want to layer treatments. Any type of blind can be used under drapes for a layered look. It is never a good idea to use dark coloured rods with pastel hued draping or transparent sheers.

'Weavers' at Gulshan has an excellent collection of muslin and chiffon sheers, which



might prove to be slightly pricey, but the store also contains transparent light curtains with beautiful embroidery imported from China and India. Prices range from Tk300 to Tk750 per yard.

THE FOREVER CLASSICS

Even though eyelet system is what is currently in, you cannot beat pinch pleated drapes. They continue to be the industry standard for elegance. Pinch-pleated drapes

characteristically retain their shape, maintaining a consistent appearance opened or closed and hang beautifully. Use of preferably earthier tones with a certain velvety shine to it paired with the pleats and voila! A classic combination of curtaining.

GO BOLD!

Do we always have to stick to the age-old shades and monotonous fabrics? Definitely not!



Express your unique personality quirks through your unique home décor styles. How about juxtaposing light lilac and soothing green, or using a different material altogether? You cannot go wrong with geometric patterns, trellis designs, large scale florals, bold colours, whimsical motifs, etc.

Aarong and Jatra has some colourful collection of cotton curtains perfect for the humid summer months. Prices start from Tk 300 and go up to Tk 3000. If you are looking for a touch of exoticness, go with silk drapes straight from Rajshahi — Sopura, showcased at Weavers.

MINIMALISM FOR THE MILLENNIALS

For those who feel like heavy drapes paired with heavy jabots and swags are embarrassingly outdated; now it's all about embracing minimalism — keep it chic, keep it clean and keep it bold!

Go for solid, earthy tones and non-shimmery fabrics, and definitely no layering. Simple cotton curtains in lighter shades such as cream, peach and stark white also give off an urban yet friendly vibe and add a distinct sense of style to your home décor.



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