

IN VOGUE: THE HUMBLE TERRAZZO

In recent times, terrazzo has witnessed a resurgence of sorts



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"Every once in a while, the classics make a comeback and the Terrazzo is an iconic example of it," says Amit Shah, MD, Classic Marble Company. "Like minimalist design has found a place in modern architecture, and in interior design. The Terrazzo has been the people's favourite and it's not surprising that it has resurfaced as a winner. Especially, now that the stone can be made available in standardised sizes and in the choicest of designs, colours and patterns, it has become doubly irresistible."

Most of us remember the humble terrazzo flooring on our terraces back in the '80s. Back then it didn't enjoy the elevated status or didn't have the pride of place it has today in our homes. It has found its way into our homes, not just on the floors, but also on furniture, walls and even accessories. The humble material is clearly witnessing a resurgence of sorts. Classic or contemporary, minimalist or maximalist, bohemian or rustic, the terrazzo seems to find a place in any space. But the versatility of the material comes through with the fact that it lends itself to any theme, or style. It's almost chameleon-like in nature, assuming the aura of the space it is used in! And then, there's this unmistakable sense of nostalgia which makes this humble material even more appealing.

"We haven't really encountered anyone resisting or not accepting the Terrazzo. Both sides, the conventional and the conservative have loved the re-introduction of this magnificent stone. Most architects are just happy to have as many options as possible to make their creations unique. The Terrazzo is a kind of stone that can be subtle as well as wild depending on the kind of application and the space in which it is installed," says Shah.