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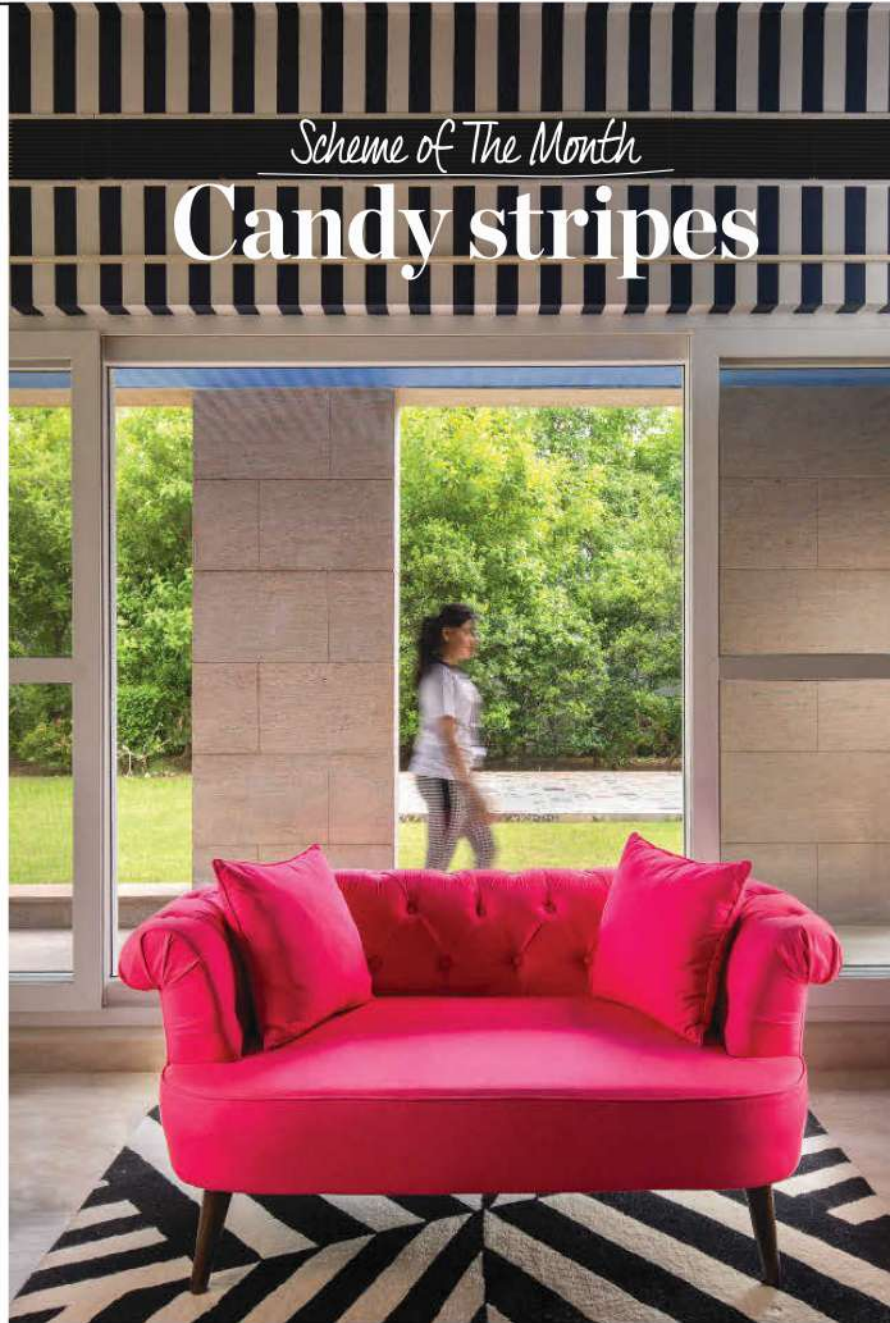
This artwork in an interior project by DeMuro Das amplifies the current mood



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT Striped Lady candle holder, The Shop Floor Project; Flower stripe light, *in-es.com*; Transat Rocabar wallpaper, Hermes; Acies blue & green beaded cushion cover, ₹1,800, Address Home; Nuances rug and pouf, GAN; Hudson organic cotton bed linen, The Fine Cotton Company.



## Scheme of The Month Candy stripes

Move over plain-jane solid colours, candy stripes have arrived!

Words/ Nandini Banerjee

**A**s part of an overarching trend of abstract themes for interiors, as well as a renewed focus on vibrant and warm-hued homes, candy stripes have become the new favourites in the décor industry.

“Using stripes is a great way to get a sophisticated and chic, yet fun look, and bring order to your home. Candy stripes have the power to embellish a room with little effort. One of the best things about stripes is that they’re versatile. They can be elegant, bold and classic, depending on the aesthetics that you want to achieve,” says designers Disha Bhavsar and Shivani Ajmera of Quirk Studio. Agrees designer Pooja Ashleys of Ashleys, “The candy striped décor exudes an energy that resonates with the younger generation. With a judicious colour palette, it blends in with any style of interiors, and complements the design vocabulary. They are bold and accentuate the





CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT Dog harness, Annabel James; Underbar Sleek sofa bed, ₹90,000, IDUS; Newport sectional sofa, Fendi Casa at Seetu Kohli Home; Nuance rug, Hands Carpets; Canyon Stripe patch rug, Ralph Lauren at Seetu Kohli Home; Vaudeville striped oval mirror, Artisanti



## [ Getting it right ]

Tips from designer Huzefa Rangwala of MuseLab:

- \* LAYER A BRIGHT KASHMIRI rug over a larger striped dhurrie for a vibrant effect.
- \* STRIPED PILLOWCASES layered over floral ones can add interesting contrasts to a plain white bedspread.
- \* STRIPES OF DIFFERENT WIDTHS on pillows and blankets in a black-and-white palette can add a graphic texture to a grey couch.
- \* A STRIPED RUNNER can add visual interest to a simple table-and-chairs set.
- \* PASTEL STRIPES LOOK sophisticated when placed against heavier pieces in wood and stone furniture.

sense of space spontaneously, as it has a strong visual impact.”

This fun, free-spirited décor trend, derives inspiration from candy and that makes all things happy. “With bold geometrics, hand-drawn sketches and playful blocks of colour, this theme can express your personality in a jiffy. The purpose is to evoke emotion and create a mood – and that, stripes certainly do,” elaborate Disha and Shivani.

However, an overdose of candy stripes can be jarring for the senses. “Bring in a subtle pop touch to your space. Safely use stripes on smaller and easily replaceable décor accents, instead of huge walls. This will help balance the proportions. If using a wallpaper, place artworks to break the monotony of the stripes and create interest,” explains Pooja.

The key is to use the stripes with restraint and identify the ideal spots and décor items to augment its effect. “Over-usage of these vibrant stripes takes away the visual focus of your room and creates disharmony within the space,” say Disha and Shivani.

