



Chennai Interior Designer
Interior Design and Home Decorating
Ideas for Every Room in the Home

Wiener Stuckmanufaktur
internal and external stucco consultation,
planning, realization



Ads by Google

"Be enthusiastic, because nothing great can be accomplished without enthusiasm. Live your dreams." with eyes of a child, fresh with wonder.
-- Jim Valvano



10:49PM Thursday November 25, 2010

- Home
- My Money
- My Stocks
- My Brands
- My World
- My Space
- My Mind
- None of My Business
- Community
- Interviews
- Gallery

Login Register

You are here » Home » **FC Build**

Create your own niche

By Sangeetha G. Nov 17 2010
Tags: Leisure Writing



Large, empty walls in a room can be monotonous. A dash of a bright colour or space sometimes can add pizzazz. Sometimes people transform one of the walls in a room into a feature wall by using texture paint or displaying a large painting. Creating niches or recesses to enhance the aesthetics of a wall is an emerging concept. You might have seen them in hotels or art galleries, but it is fast becoming popular in residences too.

A niche, also referred to as an alcove, is at least a 4.5 inch deep cutout in a wall that is around nine inches thick. Niche can have different sizes and shapes, but mostly they are rectangle or square. Often their length and breadth of the niche is left to the choice of the house owner. "Niches are mostly made in houses as nine-inch thick walls are more commonly found in houses than apartments. A niche by itself gives relief to the monotony of a wall," said **Dameem Ansari, principal architect, Ansari Associates Architects and Interior Designers.**

However, people try to make the space more interesting by using a contrasting texture paint or even emulsion paint, cladding the space

with marble, wall paper, glass or wood.

"Mostly there's concealed lighting inside a niche. It can be left as such with just the lighting or can be used to place a flower vase, a decorative article, a small internal plant or a painting inside. Multi-colour LED lights are also used inside so as to change the mood of the room when desired," he said.

A niche is generally created in the living room or dining space where the guests are received. However, it can be made in any room depending upon the thickness of the wall. There can be niches for keeping idols in the pooja room and the entire pooja room itself can be set in a niche.

In apartments with thinner walls, a shallow recess is made in the wall and a protruding wooden frame is fixed on it to give depth. "A false wall can also be made out of gypsum board and fixed on the existing one. A niche can be created on this wall. Fixing a gypsum wall of four inches thick can cost around Rs 200 per sq ft," he said.

According to Ansari, niche is a traditional concept. In ancient times when there was no electricity available, niches were made in each wall of the house to place the lamp. If it had a utilitarian purpose in those times, now it is mainly used for decorative purposes.

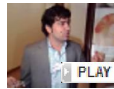
A niche can be made during the construction stage after the plastering is done. Provision for concealed lighting can be made at this point. However, even after the construction is over one can plan a niche but the lighting arrangement needs to be taken care of.

Niches can be made in offices too where they hold books, awards or citations.

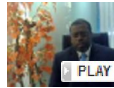
MORE FROM FC BUILD

- Chennai to unveil automated parking system
- Home for the gods
- Sore Point
- 'A Rs 8,000 crore ceramic industry can't be small'
- Staircase romance

RELATED VIDEO



Lal, Eicher
Nov 16, 2010



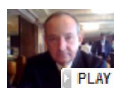
Combs, CSC
Nov 16, 2010



Kochhar, ICICI
Nov 16, 2010



Karpe, Aptech
Nov 16, 2010



Boer, KPMG
Nov 16, 2010

FC SUPPLEMENTS



John Sarkar in Belgium
Revisiting heart
Green sw eep

FC Invest | FC Know | FC Build



FC NEWSLETTER

Stay informed on our latest news!

E-mail: * Sign Up

- 22:47 How to get the best of MFs on bourses
- 22:47 UIDAI, banks to offer co-branded products
- 22:47 Investors shun BSE, NSE platforms for mutual fund
- 22:34 Rs 2,003 cr Kingfisher debt to become equity
- 22:33 Centre plans fare bands for airlines
- 22:26 Govt begins damage control in loan scam
- 21:47 French skin care brand sees good biz in men's range
- 21:41 Cisco upbeat about IP telephony business
- 22:26 Govt begins damage control in loan scam
- 21:47 LG Electronics aims at boosting export revenue
- 22:34 Rs 2,003 cr Kingfisher debt to become equity
- 21:45 Honda plans sub-1 litre car to challenge Maruti
- 22:14 Gully cricket on your comp
- 22:39 Sensex slips below 20,000 amid seesaw trade
- 21:38 Q2 numbers, economic data to set market direction
- 03:06 Market awaits Q2 cues for next big push
- 21:10 Sensex rallies for fourth day, up 133 points
- 1:20 Sensex continues march, gains 85 points



Attract new customers on Google

0 comments [Post your Comment](#)

Post new comment


Your name: *

E-mail ID: *

E-mail ID will not be published

Comment: *

Sign up now



CAPTCHA

This question is for testing whether you are a human visitor and to prevent automated spam submissions.



What code is in the image?: *

Copy the characters (respecting upper/lower case) from the image.



venetianplasters.com

Ads by Google

Financial Chronicle

767 people like Financial Chronicle



Nivedhan محمد Wilson A nkit Stabak P

Financial Chronicle on Facebook

EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

Reigning in VIPs

IRDA has an unfinished agenda of consumer protection
The insurance landscape has changed dramatically over the year, clearly for the better as far as the consumer is concerned. more...

[PREVIOUS EDITORIALS](#)



INTERVIEWS



Partha S Bhattacharyya
chairman & managing director



Lakshmi Iyer
Head of fixed income products, Kotak AMC



Sundeeep Sikka
CEO, Reliance Capital Asset Management

COLUMNIST

Urs Schöttli

Corruption is a systemic threat
The world is right to admire China's enormous economic progress. ...



Robert Clements

The bouncing back muscle!
Even as physiotherapists advise us to strengthen some unheard of ...

Bubbles Sabharwal

What's designer and can't be picked up at a garbage dump
Destination India, it is! Low budget films, high budget marriages, ...



FC SPECIALS

Signature Edition



A lost chance to reform petroleum pricing

The FM Interview



Pranab Mukherjee talks about FII inflows, tax

FC Businessman of the Year 2009



Businessman of '09 | Russi Mody on Tata | Tata

New Year Special



Dare to Dream | What if (columns) | What if

India Economic Summit



Live coverage of all the action, sidelights and

On Obama Trail



Packaging issues, interests and colours of