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ILLUSION!

In a city like Mumbai, where space is a constraint, interior designer **Asit Karekar** of AUK Design Studio, is taking out 'maximum' out of 'minimum'

CREATE INSTANT 'SPACE ILLUSION'

Patterned wooden flooring with grooves elongate length of a room; dark wooden skirting add to the sleekness of the bottom of the wall surface. Pastel shades like deep olives, dark coco textured walls can work to increase the depth of a room. A corner standup of a drop light also works as a focal corner.

FUTURE OF REAL ESTATE IN MUMBAI

The future is always on the bright side for the design fraternity. If the market is slow, the size of the projects may get smaller. Since a buyer is in constant need of space from time to time, there is no need to feel the heat of the slowdown. As far as real estate is considered, builders prefer counter measures like 20-80 formula to boost sales.

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SPACE OPTIMISATION IS CRUCIAL IN MUMBAI

Space in Mumbai is inversely proportional to the sq ft prices these days; the number keeps rising and spaces keep diminishing, making space optimisation crucial. The idea is to find the right balance among storage, utility, and comfort. Clients these days want storage to be of utmost importance, but they want it done in a sleek way so that it's visually appealing and at the same time caters to people's needs. Utility and comfort have always been an integral part of space. Space optimisation tricks come to the rescue of clients who have space constraints.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHILE DOING UP A STUDIO APARTMENT

Height is one of the key factors in any studio apartment. Since a studio apartment is deprived of floor area, going up is the only option. Make cabinets taller, more compact by increasing depths, possibly accommodating a folding

type furniture item flush within it like a bed, study and table. Concealing large items is the key to doing up a small compact space, making the floor space free during the day and occupying the same area during the night hours. An open kitchen is a cool concept people are choosing for a small space these days. Though the concept of studio apartments is still growing in Mumbai, the same concept has been adapted long back in most of the foreign countries.

