

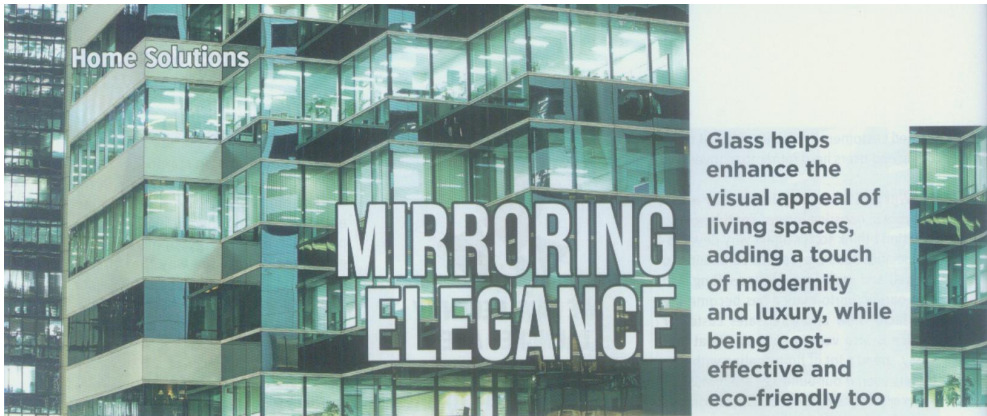
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Glass helps enhance the visual appeal of living spaces, adding a touch of modernity and luxury, while being cost-effective and eco-friendly too

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**A**s one of the oldest fabricated materials known to mankind, glass has been used in buildings for centuries. Glass, being a smart, adaptable and versatile material, offers itself to endless possibilities both in terms of design and functionality, across exterior and interior applications. That's why over the years, architects and decorators have been using glass in increasingly innovative ways — from skylights and partitions to balustrades and staircases — to make surroundings look spacious, beautiful and functionally efficient. The reason for this is simple to understand — glass helps enhance the visual appeal of living spaces, and adds a touch of modernity to one's home with even the most minimal usage. Whether you use glass splash backs in your bathroom or glass mosaic tiles for your living room, the effect created would definitely be wow-worthy!

Here are some practical steps you can take to deck up your home with the use of glass:

1. Introduce a touch of imagination to your home with small mirrors on walls or lacquered glass on kitchen walls. These can be placed in rooms, kitchen or even the living room. This is one of the advantages of glass, as it can be patterned, laminated, frosted and customised as per your requirements to various levels of translucency for privacy and design. A quick and simple way to transform any space with colour, light and patterns without compromising on the overall look or privacy.
2. Make your spaces and rooms look elegant with glass panels. These can be used as walls or partitions because the degree of transparency can be altered with the type of glass used its style, glass thickness and color options.

3. Add a creative idea in glass to your home to make it look special. For instance, a glass floor or a skylight. Such original ideas will not just add more light and make your spaces look brighter, but are also sure to floor your guests as well!

4. Make your home a fine example of eco-friendliness. Glass being a recyclable, reusable and non-toxic material provides solar control and thermal insulation, helping you conserve energy. Usage of heat reflective glasses helps a person to save on electricity as they cut down the level of heat entering your house. There are various heat reflective series that are available with us here in AIS Glasxperts. Furthermore, you can now — thanks to new technologies and fabrication techniques — use glass to either keep heat in or deflect it out of conditioned spaces. Hence resulting in a reduced cost over a period of time.

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5. Accessorise your furniture with glass, or even better, go for glass furniture! Tables, chairs, mirrors...the list of glass furniture goes on and on. Even a simple addition like a contemporary glass centre table will change the look and feel of your balcony or living room. Glass table tops in dining rooms add sophisticated styling to your interiors. Because glass goes with anything, you can also pair it with wood, leather, metals or any other material to suit your aesthetics or use traditional and ornate lines to bring these materials together beautifully in your furniture. ☺

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