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## Spruce up your abode with DIY Diwali decor

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Vashi: With Diwali approaching, many residents in the satellite city are looking for different kinds of decorations that could make their house look absolutely dazzling in this festive season. And what if these decorations that make will spruce up your house can be made by you? Nothing like it definitely!

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Workshops are being conducted at many places in Navi Mumbai to teach people different kinds of Diwali decor. These include a huge variety of things like lamp decoration, toran (garland) making, paper rangoli, crystal flowers and crystal baskets to name a few. Interestingly, a few of these classes will also teach you ways in which you could convert an old and unused item in your house into an attractive and beautiful home decor.

### Colourful and portable rangoli

While the festive season is around the corner, when visited Dipti Shah was seen busy finishing her portable rangolis and water floating diyas. She said portable rangoli on a wooden or acrylic base is something that is in trend now and is available in different sizes. "As not many can easily draw a rangoli for the festive eve, I tried making a portable rangoli, which can serve the purpose. Similarly, floating diyas are the ones which are highly in demand in the market. Thus, I customise it according to the need and festive requirement, bringing in changes in their shapes and designs. For instance, for Ganapati, I make a modak-shaped candle." The diya-making workshop will be held on November 3 at Vasant Niwas, first floor, plot No19 in sector 12 of Vashi.

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### Decorative diyas and much more

Sadhna Ganti, a Belapur resident, is conducting workshops at different locations in the city. These workshops aim to teach how to make the home decor for Diwali. The classes are open to women and children of all age groups. At her workshop, one can learn how to make includes wooden rangoli, clay hand-made flowers in order to decorate diyas, small candles, crystal flowers and crystal baskets. "Not only women, but children are also keen to learn new kinds of Diwali decoration. Generally, I feel mothers are very persistent that their children should go for such classes so that they learn something artistic," said Ganti. The fees range between Rs50 to Rs350 depending upon the number of things you would like to learn. All the material that is required to prepare the Diwali decoration will be provided at the workshop itself.

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### Do it yourself, online

Similarly, if you are amongst those who wishes to learn sitting at home, then go online. Apps are available on Playstore, which can be downloaded and experimented with for the Diwali décor at your comfort and convenience. Apps like Diwali Dhamal, Diwali shayri/cuisine are a few to name which are available without any download charges. Online tutorial videos will enable you to furnish your house with decorations like lanterns, diyas or scented candles.

### Glam up your abode

For those who wish to glam up the Diwali aura with usual things structured in an unusual way using different creative techniques can think of registering for this one-day workshop, which provides tutorial, including the material cost.

Sofpeso rangoli: November 5 and 8 at Rs500

Decoupage Bottle lamps: November 6 and 9 at Rs750

Heartfelt Diyas : November 8 at Rs400

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