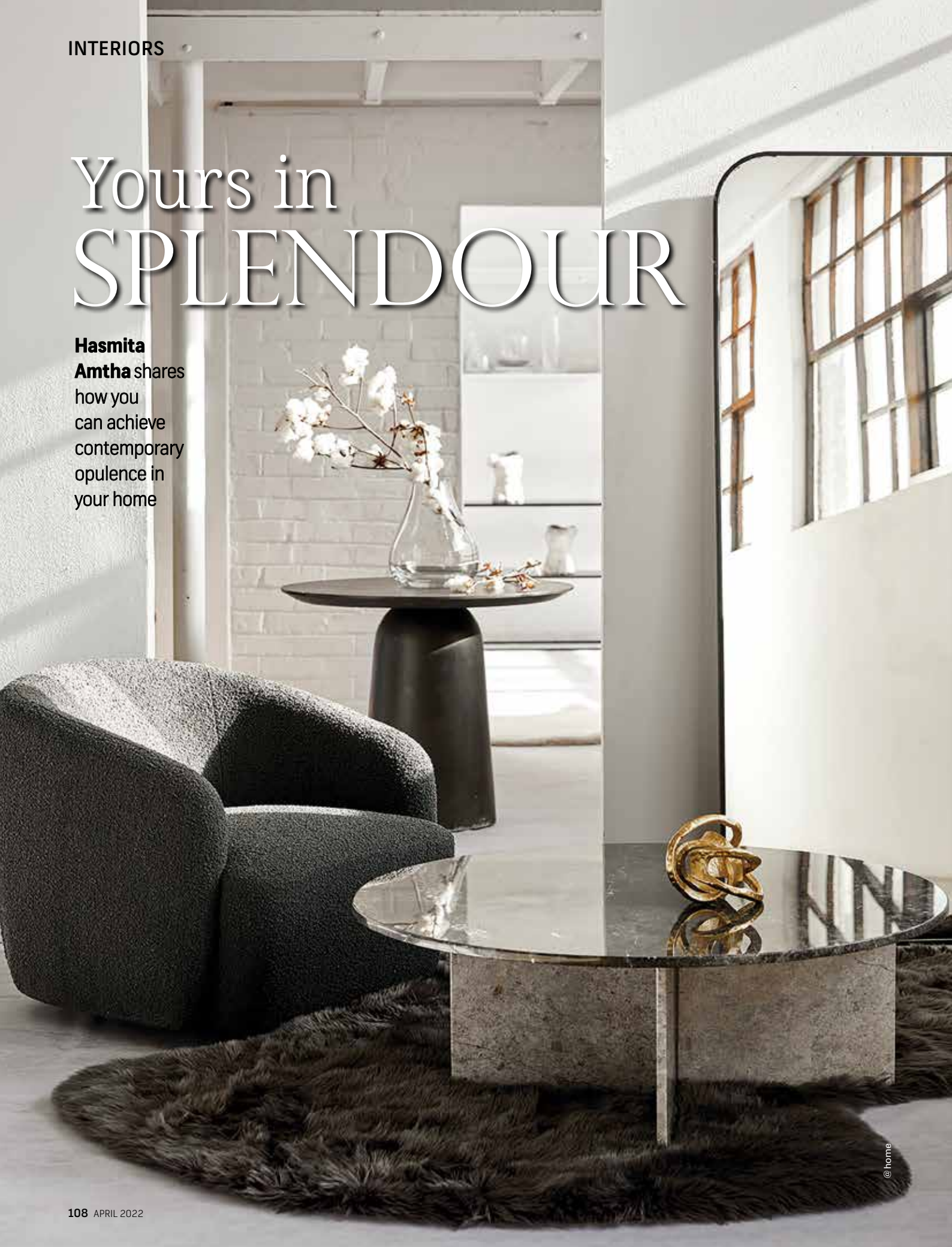


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**Hasmita
Amtha** shares
how you
can achieve
contemporary
opulence in
your home





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Opulent interiors are synonymous with grand design involving deep jewel hues, tactile and plush fabrics, and bold metallic detailing. Here more is more, and for some modern home owners, it's impossible to see this maximalist design style with a contemporary eye.

Offering a guide to acquiring this grandeur, we round up the essential elements, colour palettes and main considerations for an opulent design.

THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

Going back to basics is a good place to start when tackling an interior that requires a distinct look and feel. Interior design consultant Kabelo Madiba of Roche Bobois South Africa and Mauritius says for a balanced, well put together interior, you should always refer to the most important element of design, which is the use of lines.

"This refers to the layout of the room, considerably with space planning. Another element that plays a huge role and can be neglected at times is introducing light and/or taking advantage of the natural light the space offers, which is always refreshing and a good addition to the ambience you wish to create.

"Finally, adding hints of colour to lift a setting by the use of accessories, carpets or artworks always completes the look while introducing the texture and patterns at the same time." >



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THE ROYAL PALETTE

Opulence is captured in jewel tones, and these should certainly be part of any contemporary colour palette that needs a bit of grandeur. Karin Cawthorne, owner of KARE Johannesburg, says: "Rich jewel colours add warmth, drama and a sense of the unexpected to a space. Sofas, chairs and beds upholstered in gemstone colours, luxurious textures, gilding or metallic elements all convey a sense of luxury and opulence."

When working with the palette, Darren Postan, joint managing director of Casarredo, recommends combining shades of yellow to energise a space, while a striking wash of navy creates a stately, regal mood, and a ruby red evokes emotions of warmth and passion. "There's so much that can be said with the use of colour. We love combining natural and organic elements such as wood, stone and metal to ensure the jewel tones not only contrast, but look extra luxurious alongside the raw, natural substrates while keeping it contemporary too," he says.

THE ULTIMATE SELECTION

With a bold and colourful aesthetic to work with, choosing furnishings can be quite an overwhelming experience. Sally Steyn, a trend specialist at @home, advises heightening the glam factor by including natural stone or high-end-looking alternatives in furniture or smaller decorative objects. >

TRENDING TONES

Sapphire, bright ruby, amethyst, deep citrine, rich emerald, intense red garnet and cobalt blue are currently hot favourites. These deeply rich and opulent colours are the perfect way to communicate 2022's optimistic attitude globally. - **Darren Postan, Casarredo**



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“Bring softness to luxe pieces with tactile materials such as linens, velvets and plush faux furs. Metallic finishes and touches will add a sense of glamour to your space. The styling and design details of even the smallest accents matter – it’s all about creating styled corners and the perfect vignette.”

To maintain a contemporary feel, Melanie Stein, managing member of EuroCasa, suggests you look at your space and how the items will be placed before shopping for them, as an overcrowded interior is not appealing.

“Think about the theme you want to achieve, including the colours and any standout decorative pieces. Everything in your space



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must work together, including the colour and style of the furniture. Don't forget lighting and lamps – they take the look that one step further to magnificent opulence.” 🏡

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TOP TIP

Always try to keep a balance in the room, and do not be afraid to experiment with your colour palette. – Kabelo Madiba, Roche Bobois South Africa and Mauritius



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