

Loud and clear: These panels portray the many colours of India.

SWISSÔTEL

Despite its thoroughly international styling, this business hotel is every bit local in its decor

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*t*he scintillating city of Kolkata is a veritable cultural hotspot and a living testimony to its residents' love for literature, music, art, poetry, dance and drama! So profound and deep is the cultural connection that elements of it are seen surfacing in almost every facet of the local life here! I recently visited Swissôtel, Kolkata, the newly launched Indian arm of a Swiss chain of hotels, expecting truly international aesthetics. I was in for a pleasant surprise, for every corner in this wondrous hotel was brimming with elements of local decor. I returned, truly inspired!



The sheer vibrancy of this magnificent artwork makes it an idea worth trying at home.





This was one cosy corner, we cannot forget. The sofa truly exemplified the essence of 'sinking in'.



This corner inspired us oodles of ideas to incorporate our own living space.



Again, a wonderful melange of local patterns to form an impressive headboard.



We loved this stunning work of art created from pieces of junk metal. The detailing is brilliant and is the handwork of leading junk metal artist Tapan Barui.



These lights are brilliant for lighting up your breakfast counter.

