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Arabian Days

NATURAL TEXTURES, PRINTS THAT POP AND DIVINE DETAILING MAKE MOROCCAN-INSPIRED DÉCOR A HIT

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We're hooked on certain dreamy scenes from **Disney**'s live-action remake of Aladdin depicting the stunning fictional city of Agrabah. These were inspired by a host of real-life countries, including Morocco. Home to bustling souks and Instaworthy riads (traditional lodgings), this North African kingdom possesses a beguiling charm that's made it one of the world's hottest travel destinations.

Home décor has also picked up on these Middle Eastern queues, with Swedish fast-fashion retailer **H&M**'s summer collection drawing heavily from the Moroccan landscape and Marrakesh's architecture, resulting in pieces that embody "the natural tones of the desert and the colours of the city," says Evelina Kravaev Söderberg, head of design and creative at H&M Home.

Shop our favourite picks to help you transform your home into a modernday Moroccan gem-without the help of a genie in a lamp!

Perfect for beach hangs, picnics or **Netflix** marathons, new Vancouver

in "ocean" (\$185) is ethically made in Turkey. Light and breathable but

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designed to keep you warm and snug.

brand **Droplet**'s organic cotton blanket

COSY DOES IT



Give your dining room or backyard a refresh with **Article**'s Malou chair (\$199). Rattan, it adds an interesting dimension when paired with a wooden table. (Bonus points for being hardy and durable.) Article.com

OH SO EXOTIC

The smallest home furnishings can have a huge impact. This leather pouf (\$339 from **CB2**), covered in gold-painted Moroccan symbols, will give your space an instant splash of intrigue. 1277 Robson St., 604-669-9797. Cb2.com



RISE AND SHINE

White walls may seem plain but, with a visually arresting fixture like the Alyssa mirror (\$250 at **The Cross**), your home will never seem dull. Made of rattan, wood and metal, its design simulates the shining sun in a quirky, offbeat way. 1198 Homer St., 604-689-2900. Thecrossdesign.com



Patio season is here, and



H&M's metal candle lantern (\$20) is a gorgeous seasonal accent. Its gold sheen and intricate detailing make us think of lounging poolside in a riad. 609 Granville St., 855-272-7007. Hm.com



TILE ENVY

Handmade in Morocco, this luxe Sabra silk pillow (\$70 at **Rug &** Weave) comes in a beautiful shade of blue akin to what you'll see on the streets of Chefchaouen, popularly known as the Blue City of Morocco. Rugandweave.com



PLANT POWER

Bring the outdoors in with Surya Home's Gilani table lamp (\$147 at **Nordstrom**). Its ridged exterior and vivid turquoise hue pay homage to the lush greenery you see in every Moroccan riad (read: it would fit right into Princess Jasmine's abode). 799 Robson St., 604-699-2100.

Shop.nordstrom.com



The Marcello rug (from \$105 at **Anthropologie**) doesn't fly, but we love its bold colour combo, tile pattern and indoor-outdoor versatility. 2912 Granville St., 604-734-2529. Anthropologie.com





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