

# Products for your Home

*by*

Vibhuti Sachdev



*These products designed by architect Vibhuti Sachdev work with the premise of celebrating beauty in the everyday, in objects of daily use at home. Handcrafted by master craftsmen in Jaipur, the products are the result of a long term engagement with architectural and craft traditions of Jaipur.*

*While we splurge excessively on the self - jewels, the finest clothes, sometimes - the home - the place that makes us - gets left behind in the game of contemporary design, Vibhuti's work is a delightful remedy to that!*

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## चकला (Rolling base)

An essential kitchen item. Roll out fluffy chapattis, paranthas, puris and papads in style...

Hand-carved by a Jaipur master craftsman, the chakla is entirely carved from a single piece of stone (the best quality white marble), ensuring stability in use and long life. The smooth surface is slightly raised in the centre; helping the roti to rotate while it is being rolled, allowing you to achieve perfect circles!

A petalled motif that decorates the rim, and in keeping with tradition, the bottom centre of the Chakla is marked with a flower that enhances its beauty and is considered auspicious.

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## बेलन (Rolling pin)

An essential kitchen item. Roll out fluffy chapattis, paranthas, puris and papads in style...

It is carved out of a single piece of seasoned Babool wood. Babool is known for its medicinal properties, and has several uses in Ayurveda. Its oil has anti-bacterial and anti-fungal properties. The shape and proportions of the belan make the process of rolling out rotis a pleasurable experience. Its handles are carved so as to have a massaging effect on the hands.

The design of the Belan echoes the motif on the Chakla and the two work beautifully together.

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## मसाला दानी (Spice box)

The ubiquitous everyday spice container imbued with a sense of rare beauty and elegance.

Hand-crafted in the finest wood and bronze by a Jaipur master craftsman, the Masala Dani may just have you spending more time in the kitchen, admiring its beauty and uncovering the magic of the spices it will so delicately house!

A floral motif, akin to the Chakla motif appears to bring in beauty and good luck for your culinary endeavours.

Available in two options - inlaid and carved.

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## मंदिर (Home shrine / temple)

This temple is designed for the home. It is ideal as a small sacred shrine that facilitates moments of reflection and meditative prayers. Following the design principles of Vastu Vidya, all of its parts from the plinth to the Kalash are related to each other in dimension. The Vedika or the Bangaldar roof and the columns are inspired by the architecture of the old palace at Amer. The tiles on the back wall are inspired by Sikandra (near Agra), and their pattern reflects the side panels of brass jaali work. These tiles are made using the famous Jaipur blue pottery technique.

Height (including Kalash): 27 inches; Width (at chhajja): 22 inches; Depth: 12 inches

The Ruida wood used for the temple is specific to the arid land around Jaipur, and adopts a deep patina with age. The oil of this wood is red in colour, and is used in curing skin allergies and rashes. It is naturally termite resistant, and exudes a purifying vapour. The base of the temple is a slab of white marble for easy cleaning. The ceiling has a round brass ring for hanging a bell or a lamp. The auspicious brass birds holding pomegranates represent abundance.

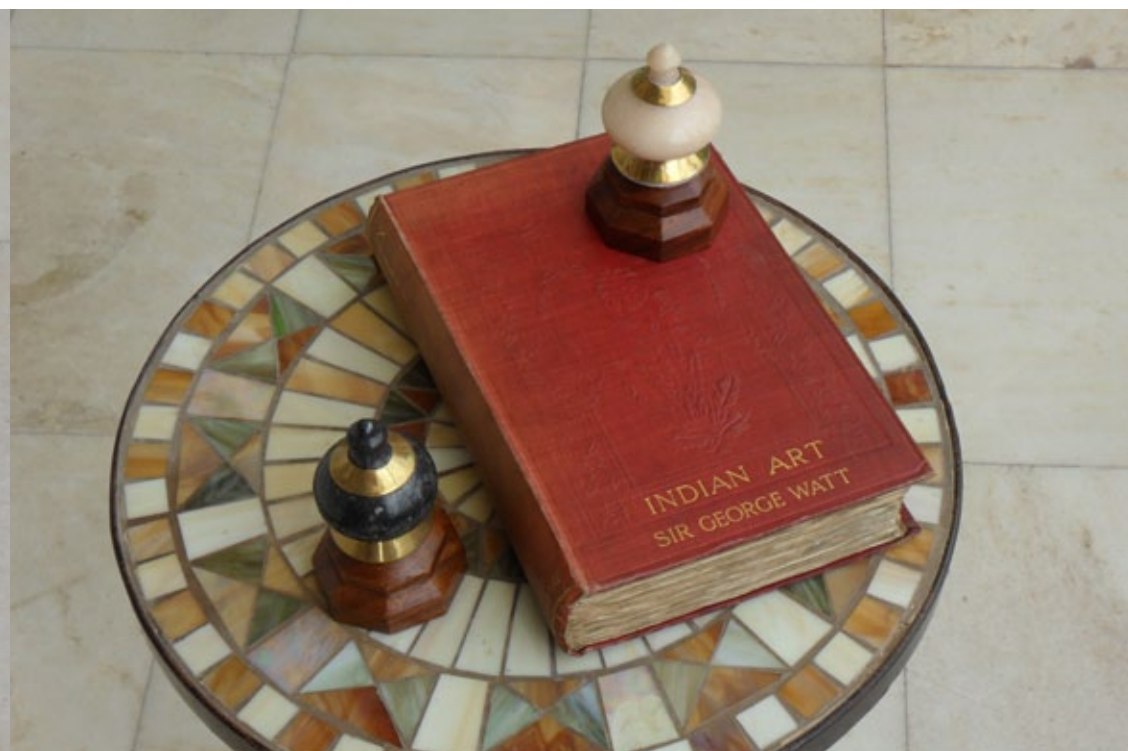
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## मीर—ए—मेज़ (Paperweights)

This 'Lord of the Tabletop' is the king of all paperweights.

Modelled on a traditional carpet weight – or mir farsh – as once used in Indian royal courts, it has an elegant profile and a satisfying touch to the hand.

The weight, made of polished marble, is embellished with metal rings and sits on a non-abrasive octagonal wooden base. The design is available in a variety of colours and with either brass or silver fittings. Height: 4 ½ inches.

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## इज़रबंद (Bodkin)

Your grandmother probably had one of these but somehow it got lost... An invaluable aid for a common but tricky task in the home, the izarband is designed to make light the work of threading the string through the waistband of pajamas / petticoats.

Beautifully modelled in brass, the Izarbands come in a Sas-Bahu pair. The larger one (6 ½ inches) gets the job done in moments. The smaller one (4 ½ inches) is convenient to carry when travelling, and is ideal for smaller garments and children's clothes.

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