

Walking on silk

How about a summer update with rugs made from recycled saris

Shed some weight this season (the heavy wools) and give your floors a makeover with light, summery rugs. While you are at it, take things up a notch and choose designs that give some love to the environment. Here are five rugs that are sustainable and stylish.

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The Rug Republic

Silk Drop

Almost hypnotic – with its colourful whorls and swirls – this carpet is made with discarded silk collected from sari weaving outlets. Hand-worked on canvas (you can choose a black or white base), the smooth curves of the all-over pattern give it a delightful texture underfoot. At ₹9,490, on therugrepublic.in



Fratantoni Lifestyles

Maze Blue India Denim Rug

We take a quick departure from silk, in favour of rescued denim. The recycled blue swathes, along with rich New Zealand ivory wool, have been hand-knotted to create this light, subtle rug with a plush cut pile. Approximately ₹31,350 on fratantonilifestyles.com



Jaipur Rugs

Kenneth

Contemporary, but with a touch of the traditional. The dhurrie, in cornflower blue and ebony, is inspired by the intricate patterns of sari borders. Forgoing tufting and knotting, the flat-weave – woven on the loom with recycled saris and wool – gives it lightness, and it is reversible too. At ₹22,400, on jaipurrugsco.com

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Giselle Fiesta Rug

Bold, bright, and, with a slight stretch of the imagination, almost reminiscent of a flock of peacocks come to roost in your living room. In stunning rani pinks and sapphire blues, the hand-knotted Fiesta rug, from the Giselle collection, is made completely with refurbished sari silks. Approximately ₹37,255, on rugandhome.com



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Madisons Red Sari Silk Area Rug

This is a great one to make your room pop. Made with the recycled remnants of a variety of red silk saris, the rug is deliberately interspersed with colours like blue and yellow for contrast – and, according to the brand, to help you accentuate your room more easily. Who doesn't need help, after all? Approximately ₹1,22,945, on houzz.com

