

# Kalaya: Harmonious Living Spaces



A blend of traditional and contemporary esthetics adorn living spaces.

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**Discover a collection of contemporary esthetics with a blend of ethnic flair in an extensive range of uniquely designed home décor at Kalaya.**

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Upon entering the quaint store located in Pelawatte, one's attention is drawn to the vast selection of enchanting homeware for indoors and outdoors. Every nook and corner of Kalaya features exotic artifacts, furniture, and décor, meticulously designed to ensure the fusion of tradition and modernity.

The ground floor is a treasure trove of cement sculptures, wood carvings, table centerpieces, wind chimes, metallic and wooden ornaments and rugs. Amongst

the natural tones, vibrant cushions on sofas and bedroom furniture add a bright pop of color to the showroom. At the back of the store, black and white wall décor, similar to African shields crowd a vivid orange wall. Collections of large pots create statement embellishments in garden spaces.

All pieces are handmade and sourced from natural materials such as cotton, stone, clay and cane. Kalaya engages people involved in cottage industries from various parts of the island to manufacture their products. Thus, providing a livelihood for Sri Lankan artisans and preserving cultural handicrafts.



African inspired batik cushion covers.

On the first floor, coordinating hues of batik cushion covers, runners, table and bed linen take prominent space along with a newly launched African inspired batik collection. An extensive range of ceramic and stoneware crockery is displayed throughout the floor along with a selection of contrasting matte and gloss vases in primary and bold colors. Brightly colored, scented candles, stand strikingly upon shelves and on candle-stands.

An assortment of candleholders echoes a simple elegance that will enhance any home interior. Decorative objects are adorned with designs of tree leaves, seashells and sea creatures, thus replicating elements of nature.

On the second floor, lampshades of various shapes and sizes are woven with cane while chic birdcage style light fittings are arranged throughout this space. Against the walls, oxidized iron wall hangings of animal figures create a unique backdrop in the warm lighting of the store.

Amidst the myriad of home décor, the spacious layout of the store invites customers to browse at their own pace. Shoppers can leisurely piece together items that would complement their homes. Kalaya offers one-of-a-kind décor by customizing designs to suit every taste and requirement. Upon visiting Kalaya, one can undoubtedly witness many Sri Lankan arts and crafts that reflect the heritage of the country.

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