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Bhakti Pote, director Pentaspace Design Studio, says that a lot of European architecture designs can be seen in real estate nowadays with colours like light blue, cream and pastels used for the exterior. "Double skin facade (or glass facade) and glass fiber reinforced concrete (GRC) panels are becoming popular. Dutch designs are considered as the Mecca of all the architecture. It has become popular because of its contemporary style,"

Adding on the foreign designs being replicated in India, she says, "Cost plays an important role when you talk of having an international appeal. Due to the difference in the materials used abroad and that available here, we pick and choose the elements from various influences that we want to represent in our designs. We are currently working on a residential project that has a Zen theme which incorporates shoji panels (mobile folding screens), pagoda style roof, Japanese Jali, which are checker covers."

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