

A Colourful Splash of Tibet in Bangsar Baru!

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Dr. Verma is a very educated and interesting man. Of Indian origin, he now resides in KL with his wife. Years of lecturing and an interest in art led him to open an extraordinary shop in Bangsar Baru.

Located upstairs and across the street from MPH, Sacred Citadel is a real find for lovers of fine workmanship and colour. The shop exhibits articles made by skilled Tibetan workmen, with jewels and fabrics from India fitting in nicely with the theme!

The first thing which hits you as you enter the shop is colour. I have never seen such a wonderful array of bright strong colours used on furnishings for the home. Once your eyes have adjusted you can concentrate on the craftsmanship of the pieces.

Many of the craftsmen are young yet the pieces are made using traditional techniques. In the centre of the shop stands an eye-catching alter, the kind to be found in monasteries and the homes of Tibetan Royalty. This piece is almost completely made from wood and only a handful of screws were used to secure it, the rest fitting together like a jigsaw. It stands at least eight feet tall and it is totally amazing!

The themes of tigers, lotus, clouds and Dzipak (Dr. Verma will explain all!) flow through the furniture, cushions, pictures and bedspreads. Gorgeous appliqué wall hangings showcase these themes to their maximum.

So if you are looking for inspiration for your home, a visit to Dr. Verma's shop in Bangsar Baru is highly recommended. It would also be an excellent place to take visitors from overseas as it displays some not-so-familiar Asian design delights!

Happy Shopping at Sacred Citadel!

