

SUNLIT SANCTUARY

With soothing tones, gleaming accents and an island-style bar, this suburban apartment by Quirk Studio is a haven for family and friends alike

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Every available corner in this home has been well planned for storage, like this striking blue, slanted bookshelf that's housed under the staircase

Designed as a modern haven, the master bedroom oozes elegance and understated luxury. Arches serve as a leitmotif, appearing in the way of alcoves and cabinetry. The wall above the bed carries cabinets that hide in plain sight



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hen a 30-something couple approached Shivani Ajmera and Disha Bhavsar to design their home, they knew exactly what they wanted: something modern, something mid-century—with lots of sunlight and storage to boot. “The couple enjoys hosting and entertaining, and with a little toddler, they wanted a space tailored equally for family and friends,” say Shivani and Disha, whom the couple found through mutual acquaintances.

For a shell so muted, the home has plenty of personality. Wooden textures enliven the doors, metallic accents sparkle here and there, and sage and sky tones doff their hat to the outdoors. The house falls together like a gloriously synchronised puzzle, and yet, each room is a world unto itself. “The distinctions, subtle as they are, shine through in the way of materials,” share the pair, who opted to use wood, cane, metal and stone, in varying degrees, throughout the home. The master bedroom is a smorgasbord of textures and tones, with cane and brass dominating the palette. The space is punctuated by fluent arches that serve various purposes: as alcoves for storage, as leitmotifs along the cabinetry, as elegant dome-like lampshades. In a bid to honour both

owners’ individual personalities, Shivani and Disha carved out separate walk-in closets for the couple.

The daughter’s bedroom is a whimsical La La Land where woodland deer and sage wainscoting and shaggy boho lamps all sit on the same plane. The floor dons a wooden herringbone pattern, lending warmth to the daisy setting. “While the bedroom has a timeless appeal, the bathroom is more experimental and fun, created with terrazzo tiles, colourful chips and an eye-popping yellow vanity,” say the designers.

The home’s beauty isn’t just skin deep. Behind the pristine walls and swish finishes, hide ingeniously concealed services. The beams, for instance, were extended into an artistic arched ceiling and finished in grey lime plaster, while the walls wear a monochromatic moulding that cleverly masks the service doors beyond. Even the wall overarching the bed in the master bedroom pulls double duty, playing host to spiffy cabinetry.

With brass embellishments, ultramarine fluting and high-polish wood panels, the bar channels a decidedly modernist-meets-Mykonos vibe. “The artworks are of special note,” say the designers. “With their thick black frames, they balance the colour scheme, while also urging the eye away from the profile of the concealed door beside it.” Complete with zany barstools and a quirky chandelier, the place is guaranteed to get you into the spirit. ♦ quirkstudio.in

Designed by Zedex Kuche, the kitchen is defined by a white and grey palette. The white counter and backsplash almost camouflage against the under-counter storage cabinets, projecting a sleek and seamless appearance



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The dining room plays host to a custom dining table with a terrazzo Kalinga top, paired with blue chairs with sleek brass-tipped metal legs. A trio of suspended lights haloes the setting, while a classic wooden sliding window connects the dining room to the kitchen, affording privacy when required





The daughter's bedroom is a dreamy oasis befitting its pint-sized inhabitant. The woodland wallpaper, designed in collaboration with Wallpaper Scissor and the homeowner, takes the spotlight. Boho lamps, sage wall panels and herringbone flooring give the room a playful spin



The daughter's bathroom is outfitted with terrazzo tiles with colourful chips and a buttercup yellow vanity