

TREASURES OF TRADITION

With antique treasures, contemporary accents, and decidedly traditional nuances, this home by Sage Living borrows equally from the past and the present

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The library is characterised by teal walls and gilded accents. A sweeping desk faces the picture window, offering welcome work views. "It's the perfect backdrop for Zoom meetings," says Keerthi. Furniture and decor are by Sage Living and WA Bespoke.





Antique chairs, contemporary artworks, vintage lamps and urns, and garden-like greenery—this Hyderabad apartment could easily have belonged in an imperial palace of centuries past—if imperial palaces also featured statement furniture and vogueish accents. “It’s an eclectic blend of the past and the

present, a contemporary design flavoured with Indian nuances,” says Keerthi Tummala, founder and creative director of Sage Living, who was tapped to give the 4,500-square-foot apartment—composed of two living rooms, three bedrooms, a library, a dining area, a kitchen and a balcony—an India Modern spin.

The interior is thoughtfully curated, with accents and tchotchkes—custom-made by Sage Living and WA Bespoke—that hark back to the past. In the family room, for example, an heirloom veena levitates like a sage relative, whispering secrets of a storied past. “It belongs to the lady of the house, evocative of her nostalgic moments with music,” says Keerthi, as I bend down to inspect the gleaming instrument. But in that moment, at that angle, the veena is but a tiny part of the glorious tapestry that unfolds before me. Above it, is a traditional Pichwai painting; beside it, a muted French boiserie with Cambridge stripes. And on the wall opposite, an eye-popping blossom wall mural that basks in the glow of the morning sun. It’s only the bright blue sofa, then, that exudes a sense of stillness, counterbalancing the lively periphery with a solid block of colour.

The living room follows suit with a potpourri of elements informed equally by east and west. Curvilinear seating sits on the same plane as rich brass accents, while an ethnic sculpture of a feminine head stands sentinel in one corner. “But the showstopper is the crane-embroidered wallpaper,” smiles Keerthi. “It adds a subtle pop of colour and is an exquisite example of Indian craftsmanship.” In a similar show of trad-meets-ony, the dining room plays host to both a dark oak dining table and a gilt-edged puja alcove.

“Each bedroom is informed by the individual personalities of its occupants,” says Keerthi as we move to the private realms. Textural details punctuate the master suite, in the way of a ruby-red headboard, elaborately embroidered cane tableaux and brass-edged furniture. Wood takes as much of the spotlight, through lacquered timber panelling on the walls and mahogany wooden flooring. The children’s bedrooms doff their hats to their respective inhabitants too: the son’s is an all-encompassing black, with a Star Wars and superhero theme; while the daughter’s is hushed yet whimsical, with a four-poster bed and sprinkles of gold.

Indeed, with a melange of styles, materials, textures, and colours, one thing is clear: the home is a curious smorgasbord of contrasts and complements that nod to the past and the present in equal measure. ♦ sageliving.in



Brass décor accents and matching mirror are juxtaposed against a dark hue accent wall (OPPOSITE PAGE) The living room is defined by curvilinear seating and rich brass accents. “But the showstopper is the crane-embroidered wallpaper,” smiles Keerthi. “It adds a subtle pop of colour and is an exquisite example of Indian craftsmanship.” Furniture and decor are by Sage Living and WA Bespoke.



From top left: In the family room, an heirloom veena holds a mirror to the lady of the house; Other defining accents in the family room include a Pichwai painting, a muted French boiserie with Cambridge stripes, and an eye-popping wall mural. Furniture and decor are by Sage Living and WA Bespoke.



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From top left: The son's bedroom, an all-black cocoon, sports a Star Wars and superhero theme; The daughter's bedroom is hushed yet whimsical, with a four-poster bed and sprinkles of gold. Furniture and decor in both bedrooms are by Sage Living and WA Bespoke





From top left: Asymmetric shelving gives the daughter's room a quirky spin; The balcony stars contemporary teak furniture and colourful accents; The balcony stars contemporary teak furniture and colourful accents



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The powder room is rustic, with a natural stone washbasin and a cane-front vanity. The Forma Mirror is by Sage Living

