



BEAUTIFUL HOMES

## NEAT LINES, INTERESTING SILHOUETTES

THE AGARWAL RESIDENCE IN JUHU SEEMS TO BE A STUDY IN SIMPLICITY AND ELEGANCE. **BY R RUSHABH**

**Stylish**, contemporary and refreshing are the best words to describe Ashish Agarwal's home in Juhu. Spread a little over 1100 sq ft, the spacious flat has four bedrooms, a living and dining area and kitchen. Explaining the planning and designing process, interior designer Kumpal Mittal says, "Since the family required just three bedrooms, one of the bedrooms was converted into a recreational room with a television and a bar to host parties for the family."

The living room is L-shaped



with a sitting and dining area. Muted colours are used to lend a sophisticated look to the space and all over the flat, blinds have been used. In the seating area, two sofas are placed opposite each other – one is a stylish contemporary sofa with panels, for holding either books or glasses and the other a high-backed comfortable sofa. Both pieces match the sleek centre table in glass and wood. A couple of paintings add colour to the walls.

The dining area has a neat and elegant layout with decorative lights and simple straight-backed chairs in solid wood for the six seater dining table. The backdrop

for the crockery unit and side-board is a pleasant flowery wall, while the passage to the kitchen and bedrooms has a vibrant Radha-Krishna painting on the wall.

The flat is occupied by five persons – grand parents, parents and their daughter. One of the walls of the recreational room is devoted to photographs of the family, lending a personal touch to the room while the seating has a bright orange sofa to brighten up the area. The wooden flooring lends a lot of warmth to the room.

Another challenge was how to tackle the storage without making it obvious. "Ample storage was a must. So, the creative ele-

ment was to accommodate it aesthetically in the flat."

Kumpal decided to give the walls an unusual treatment. "In the grandparents room, I decided to use wallpaper on the wardrobes and covered it with glass. This room also has ample storage."

The kids room has a study and dressing area besides the sleeping area. "I decided to give it a cool effect with pleasant olive coloured walls. The furniture is done in white duco. The window ledge was converted into something like a bay window to accommodate seating, without taking up much space," adds Kumpal.

The master bedroom was given a rich look. "I decided to have leather on the wardrobe and on the side tables, so as to unify the theme and give it an unusual look. This room has a huge bathroom and also has another set of wardrobes inside. Since we had the luxury of space, we could have a wide counter and shower cubicle," explains Kumpal. All bathrooms in the flat have storage and separate wet and dry areas.



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