

Eddy Designs

Architect Manish Dikshit loves to experiment. His unconventional theories create magic and more space in the Pawar household

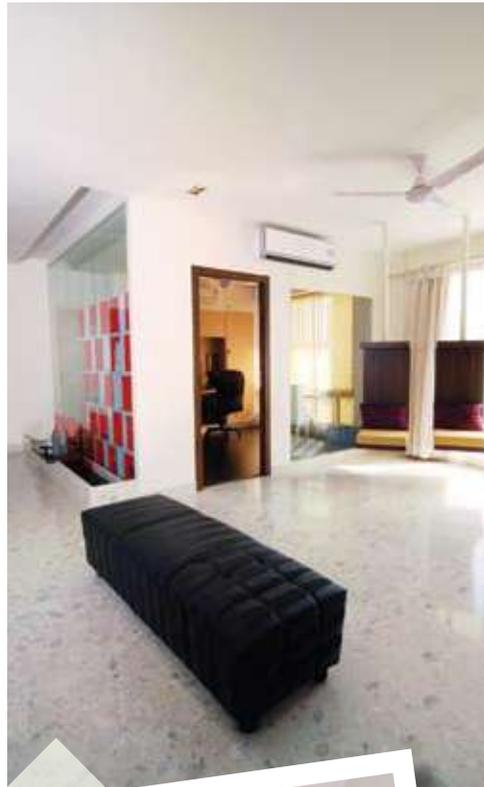
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EXECUTING THE PLAN

A young working couple, the Pawars wanted a functional, uncluttered house with a modern and unorthodox look. The initial layout provided by the builder was 3.5 BHK. The half bedroom was broken to make an entrance lobby. The dining space was separated from the living room by giving an elevated wooden flooring. The bar is designed next to the dining area. Of the three bedrooms, one constitutes the master bedroom, the other an entertainment room cum den, and the third a study. The walls of the study were changed to glass in order to create more light and space throughout the house. Most rooms were given a faux ceiling to provide hidden, subtle lighting. More dramatic lights were given on the walls of the living room and the floor of the dining space. The flooring was changed everywhere with each room being given a distinct tone by the use of marble or different shades of veneer.





DIFFERENT APPROACH

Each room in the house serves a distinct purpose, which is separate from the rest of the house. Each area has been designed carefully to fulfill that purpose, while keeping the modern look intact. The furniture has been custom-built, and innovative design elements have been added. For instance, the entire living room furniture is elevated and does not touch the floor. The sofa is mounted on the wall and the chairs are hung from the ceiling. This gives an impression of a much larger space. It also enhances the composite marble flooring. Another example can be seen in the dining area where the table has a seating capacity of five people instead of the conventional six or four. One entire side rises in an upward panel, which almost touches the roof, thereby adding an inspiring design element.





WORKAHOLICS

The client wanted the option of being able to work from home if needed. Being voracious readers, the couple wanted a room that inspired them to read and write. Accordingly, this room is designed as a study cum library. One wall has a paneled workstation with a LCD desktop. This is fitted with a router so the entire house is wi-fi enabled. A large comfortable office chair in black completes this set up. In contrast, a separate table and chair in white, has been provided for writing purposes near the window with a view of the swimming pool and the club house. Bamboo chik blinds are used for these windows. The other side of the room has a red and white bookcase, which also showcases some artefacts.



ENTERTAINMENT ZONE

The Pawars specifically requested an entertainment room cum den as a place where they could relax and chill out while watching television or screening movies. The room is also used for gaming and entertainment by the couple. It has been designed with blinds for the windows and carpeted flooring. This

has been done to block the outside sound and light, and also to get the best screen experience possible. The room is fitted with a LCD, a JBL 5.1 home theatre and a Blu ray DVD player. A sofa cum bed has been provided so it can be used as a guest bedroom, if the need arises. A swinging chair in one corner works as an additional interesting element.



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THE BEDROOM

The master bedroom is done in rich tones of brown, green and blue. The bed is low with two hanging reading lights on either side. To match the veneer of the bed, wooden flooring has been used in two tones - light and dark brown. A customised wardrobe and dressing station have been provided in one corner. The other corner has a small curved chair with an abstract photograph on the wall. The room has a faux ceiling with subtle lighting from the roof.

There is enough provision of natural lighting through the two windows. The main window has a two layered tall, lacey curtain, whereas the side window is covered with rich textured blinds. The headboard of the bed is covered with a bold pattern which stands out.

THE BATHROOM

The bathroom is spacious and luxurious. Beige and brown marble has been used throughout. A bathtub has been provided along with glass shelves to store perfumes and toiletries. There is also

adequate provision for ventilation. A music system with an attached speaker is connected to the bathroom so that music can be enjoyed with a bubble bath.

THE KITCHEN

The kitchen is very functional and has all the classic elements. It has state-of-the-art cabinets giving adequate storage space. There is space built for white goods such as microwave and refrigerator; as well as there is provision for a chimney and a water purifier.

