



Rakeshh Jeswaani weaves a class act within the calming interiors of this home in Mumbai

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What defines a home for you? Is it a cosy cove you can call your own after a long day? Or a bespoke space that sets the bar high on multiple fronts. **Rakeshh Jeswaani** (https://www.instagram.com/rakeshhjeswaani_interiorarchts/?hl=en)'s latest residential undertaking in **Mumbai** answers this by finding a sweet balance between fancy and functionality, vintage and modern. He meshes it with his progressive design philosophy to create a sharp visual and functional impact.

Created for a couple and their son, the dwellers aspired for an airy bungalow-esque feel within the 5,000 sq ft apartment. Which led to inclusions like a stairway, slatted wooden sliding doors, indoor plants and large French windows for natural light to stream in.



The formal living room is fused with a warm and welcoming energy, with the inclusion of décor elements like striking wall art by Shola Carletti, Soreluna wall-mounted lamps from Paolo Castelli, an Era table lamp from Dolce & Gabbana; Photography by Ashiq MK



The homeowners' cherished collection of Chinese blue and white ceramic jars from ZJM Exports occupies a pride of place in the dining area. The jars strike a refreshing contrast to the subdued interiors that feature Grey Sicilia marble flooring from Stone Source Select, and an earthy-toned dining set. The table is sourced from Landform From Stylish Club, while the chairs are by Casa Larzia From Trussardi. All curtains and soft furnishings were conceptualised by Nirav Meswani Of Surprise Home Linen; Photography by Ashiq MK



The formal living room exudes a distinct personality, with striking features like grey stone panels on both the sides of the walls. The Cloud infinity curved sofa and livre swivel arm chair are from Galloti & Radice, and the centre table is done by Haumea from Galloti & Radice; Photography by Ashiq MK



The son's study features a sturdy desk from Marina. The white wooden finish flooring is from C. Bhogilal Westend and the artwork is by Vanita Gupta; Photography by Ashiq MK

Understated luxury

A quick home tour makes Rakesh Jeswani's vision clear — space-saving ideas and flexible furniture are at the heart of this design, while understated luxury permeates. “We kept the palette in warm tones of taupe and grey to give this home a soothing vibe,” says the principal architect of his eponymous firm. He adds, “The living room has been deliberately created in an enclosed space to give it a cosy and luxurious vibe which could not have been achieved if we’d planned it as a large open space.”

The neutral-toned furniture with just a few subtle touches of colour gives the space a timeless feel, while a striking artwork by Raman Adone at the entrance, Shola Carletti painting in the living room and the Dolce & Gabbana coffee table under the staircase leave a lasting impact. “We chose to be judicious with the use of colours. The material palette evolved as a blend of earthy textures and matte finishes, which were layered with glamorous and eye-catching elements like the brass detailing and the plush white sofa,” the principal architect of Rakesh Jeswani Interior Architects outlines.



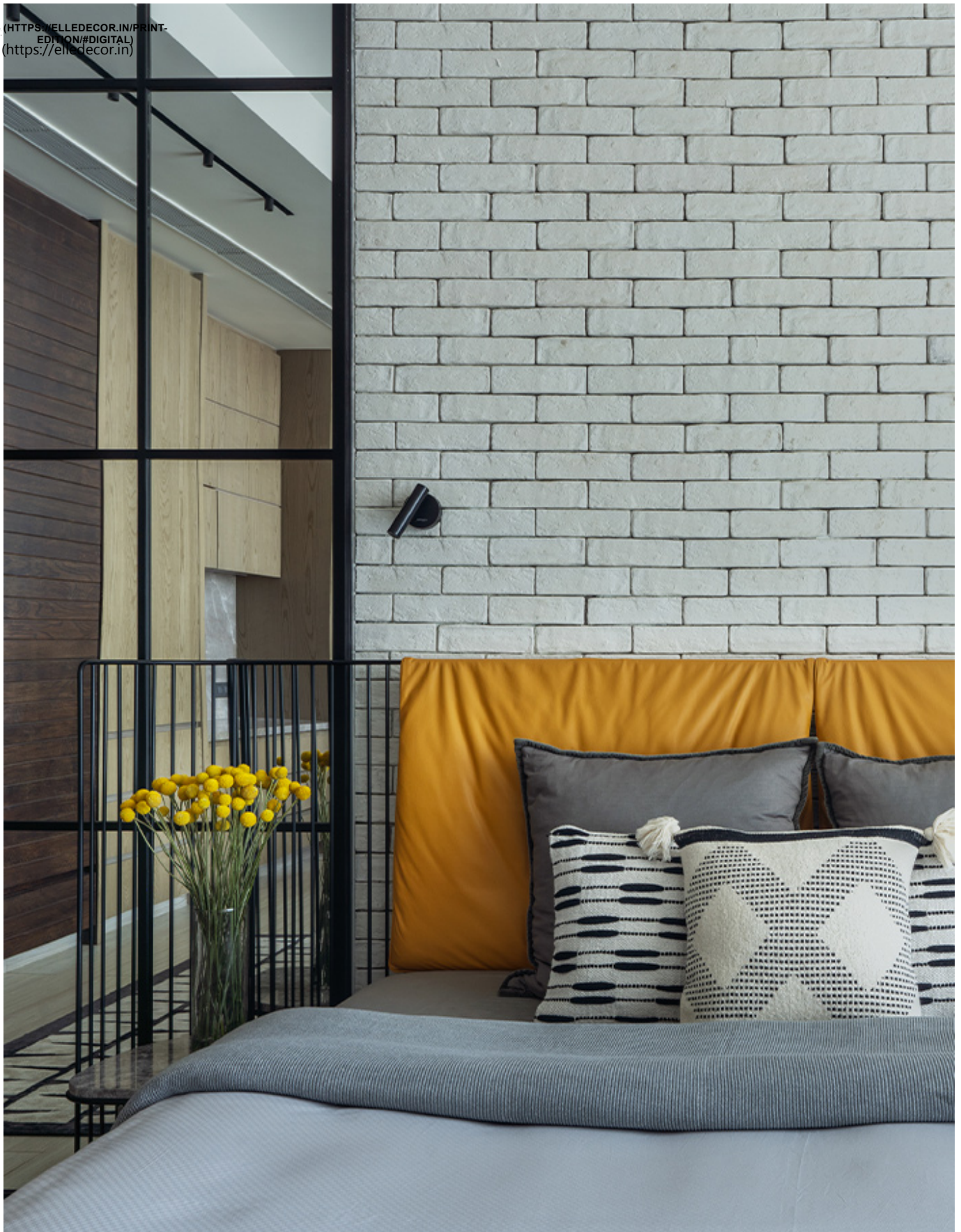
The area under the stairway doubles up as a cosy reading nook, mirroring the designer's keen eye for spatial utilisation. The rocking chair is from Gervasoni and the golden cloud chandelier is from Paolo Castelli. The plants are from Plant People; Photography by Ashiq MK



The stairway corner stands out owing to a volley of statement coffee table. The grey Sicilia marble flooring and staircase marble are sourced from Stone Source Select, while the Diana coffee table is from Dolce & Gabbana. The staircase railing in brass vertical pipes with a solid wood handrail veneer in Picasso grey is from Deluxe Veneer; Photography by Ashiq MK



The dressing area of the master bedroom features eye-catching furnishings like a deep-hued wallpaper from Arte, the SEOUL console was sourced from FRATO, while the mirror is from the Cappadocia range by FRATO. The lighting is from White Teak Company, while the wardrobe finishes in Picasso Veneer are from Deluxe Veneer; Photography by Ashiq MK



The son's bedroom features a white brick wall and mirror panelling with wooden frames that lend a rustic touch to the room. The bed from the Paradise range and the round peg Tuky table are from Witmann; Photography by Ashiq MK

Practicality meets glam