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Design Secrets

The what, where,
why and how
of using art
in your spaces



The big reveal

Find out how **Asim Merchant** remodelled
Deanne Panday's city home to perfection after 14 years



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Expressions in Art

Art can be defined and interpreted in multiple ways, and in its diverse forms and expressions, has the potential to shape and affect spatial aesthetics. In this feature, we explore this subject through the lens of 12 creatives from the industry, uncovering how the notion of art manifests in their projects and creations

FEATURE **AVNI RAUT**

SPECIAL FEATURE

(THIS PAGE) The arresting ultramarine-hued wall installation by Asim Waqif, is sourced from Nature Morte.

(FACING PAGE - TOP LEFT) The artwork here in the foyer is by artist Bharti Verma, while the bench below is by The Wicker Story.

(FACING PAGE - TOP RIGHT) This artfully crafted 20 feet long community table was created in collaboration with Material Immaterial Studio.

(FACING PAGE - BOTTOM LEFT) The pooja area constitutes bespoke sandstone carved pillars and the niches here hold handmade idols by Ishan Patnaik.

(FACING PAGE - BOTTOM RIGHT) The foyer is also graced with a Radhika Khimji artwork sourced from Experimentor, Kolkata.

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Pooja Bihani of Spaces & Design has been inclined towards art since childhood and now, her projects naturally gravitate towards it. Whether subtle or pronounced, artistic elements in her projects cohesively align with the décor, playing their part in defining the aesthetic envisioned for the space.

In her latest residential project, the visual language is underpinned by an impeccable, contemporary design scheme. Here, she tactfully inserts artistic nuances to heighten the luxe, subtle-toned narrative. The interiors reveal a rich juxtaposition of materials, with the choice of artworks making a bold statement while being reflective of the homeowners' discerning taste.

She believes in a collaborative approach, and this residence, replete with tasteful pieces by Radhika Khimji, Kavita Singh, Asim Waqif, Ayesha Singh, Kumaresan, Gunjan Arora, Bharti Verma, and more, conveys this only too well. ▶



Bold Accents

Pooja Bihani

“I feel art is that “final energy” aspect in a designer’s project that completes it. Therefore, art and architecture have always gone hand in hand for me. In my experience, all human senses are touched once a project is rounded off with art.”

—Pooja Bihani, Founder and Principal Architect, Spaces & Design

