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Meenakshi Jessani fashions an artfully-luxurious penthouse, open to the sky, in one of Mumbai's quaint suburban by-lanes

FEATURE **NEERJA KAPADIA** PHOTOGRAPHS **SAGAR MANDAL** STYLE **MITALEE MEHTA**



The lounge displays a beautiful blend of materials. With energising green PU-painted wall panels that double as concealed storage, a striking glass chandelier in a necklace pattern acts as a statement piece.



The coffee table in the living area is an abstract interpretation of the checkerboard pattern, crafted on-site using full-body tiles.

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The living and dining areas set the tone for a luxurious yet inviting home. With varied 3D textures on the walls and a standout custom hand-painted modern artwork, every wall tells its own story.

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Meenakshi Jessani, founder of MJ Architects, holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from LS Raheja School of Architecture, Mumbai, and a master's in interior architecture and design from CEPT University, Ahmedabad. With over eight years of industry experience, she launched MJ Architects in 2021, aiming to set new standards in luxury interiors. Her firm specialises in architecture, interiors and product design across residential, commercial and retail sectors, delivering bespoke and impactful design solutions tailored to each client, both within India and internationally.

Though surrounded by buildings, being on the 10th and 11th floors and with low-rise structures nearby, the apartment feels open and connected to nature.

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Boasting a whopping 4,200sqft, this duplex nestled amidst the charming avenues of Santacruz, Mumbai is a luxurious home to a family spanning three generations. Comprising of five bedrooms, spacious social spaces, a kitchen, an informal lounge and an 8,000sqft terrace, the apartment has been helmed by Meenakshi Jessani, principal architect of MJ Architects.

The living and dining areas set the tone with vibrant 3D textures and a custom hand-painted artwork that adds character. A wave-patterned three-D wall feature in the dining area is echoed in the pedestal washbasin, while the crockery unit's coffee tones and gold accents add height and elegance.

The parents' bedroom is tranquil, with nature-inspired prints, an artful study desk and an airy meditation space. The guest bedroom serves multiple purposes, featuring a blue Jain mandir inspired by traditional jharokha patterns, along with a sofa-cum-bed for versatility.

Two childrens' bedrooms have distinct features, reflecting their occupants' characteristics. While one has a playful turquoise theme with hidden storage, a cosy reading nook and a washroom door concealed within the paneling, the other one uses grey tones with yellow accents, featuring hidden headboard storage and a cohesive bathroom design.

The informal lounge is a striking space with hidden storage, resin chairs, a quirky chandelier and an ombre metallic bar unit. It opens onto the expansive terrace, where an outdoor seating area, sculptural benches and a projector screen make it ideal for outdoor movie nights.

The master bedroom combines luxury with comfort, showcasing mirrored pedestals, a Japanese-inspired floor lamp, a fluted glass wardrobe and a luxurious walk-in wardrobe area. **CH**

A black-and-white landscape wallpaper sets a dramatic backdrop, while a floor-to-ceiling, Japanese-inspired custom lamp by the study table becomes the master bedroom's focal point.

