



**CANDIDLY COLOURFUL:**  
The living room of the Kurays' house is a rainbow of colours

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# Colours of life

**B**RIGHT red cushions on the black wrought iron sofas, a red and a yellow chair, ingeniously made side tables in Chinese mosaic, sheer curtains and a bright red dupatta curled around the rod at the entrance to the passage that doubles up as a curtain. All this is what you come across when you enter architect and interior

The home of **Vineeta and Jitendra Kuray** is a haven of bold and beautiful colours that have been used innovatively around the 625 sq ft apartment to give it a style of its own - making it the typical 21st century home which is modern and minimalist

designer Vineeta Kuray's home, who along with her husband Jitendra Kuray has designed the 625 sq ft flat into a cosy nest that not only reflects the warm personalities staying in it but also the fact that one can do wonders with small space too.

Says Vineeta, "we both are working and therefore we needed to have interiors

**OF CAPTIVATING COLOURS:** The bright yellows and reds used in the living room give it a vibrancy



that not only reflected our personalities but also provide a setting for frequent entertaining and socialising as we have a large group of friends. However at the same time we had space as well as budget constraints and therefore had to be very creative with whatever we did with the interiors."

That's when they decided to add a lot of colour to their home. Whether it was the flimsy chrome yellow and off white curtains that

**SUNNY SIDE UP:** The L-shaped kitchen made in yellow gives the area a spacious look



**OFFICIAL MATTERS:** The children's bedroom which has been converted into a home-office for Vineeta.

house, we tried to avoid decorative curios and furniture which require daily maintenance," she avers.

However one of the most interesting points of the Kurays' home is the children's bedroom which has been converted into Vineeta's home-office. Giving it a totally different effect is one wall which has been painted green and then spray painted in a number of colours giving the area a different effect

dress the windows of the drawing room, or the open showcase of artifacts - most of which have been made by Vineeta or the L-shaped kitchen where yellow is the colour or the kiddies bedroom where all the shades of blue greet you - leaving little doubt that colour is the high point of this house. "The strong point of this flat is that there is a lot of natural light that comes in from all directions," explains Vineeta.

"So it was logical to make the most of it and as a result to complement the natural light in the space we planned to make the living room curtains in semi-transparent dupatta material to let the light filter in", smiles Vineeta. This yellow colour is beautifully offset by red, blue and green furnishing fabric.

"I have livened up the

spaces using various colours and textures," says Vineeta as she points to a wall opposite the kitchen, which has been given a textured yellow finish and has been innovatively painted with a sponge to give it the material's pattern and texture.

"Since we both are busy and we have a small daughter Tanvi - in the

altogether. A stark room compared to the rest of the house, the table, tapestry and soft board give a very professional feel that is so important for any office.

"Since the children's bedroom has been converted into an office for me, we decided to convert the master bedroom into a kiddies room to accommodate the needs of our three-and-a-half-



**RHYTHM N BLUES:** The master bedroom which has been converted into a kiddies room is coloured in all shades of blue

year-old daughter," says Vineeta. And for this room she chose the colour blue. Everything from the wardrobes, right down to the curtains has been given this colour scheme.

What is unique about this area is the wardrobe, which is actually old steel cupboards that have been cleverly concealed with the help of self-



**LEARNING IS FUN...** for little Tarvi who enjoys playing with the activity boards that have been specially put up for her in the master bedroom

adhesive film in a nursery print.

A typical new-age house that is minimalist and uncluttered, it is heartening to see how a little bit of planning and ingenuity can go to make even the smallest of spaces look spacious and elegant. ■

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