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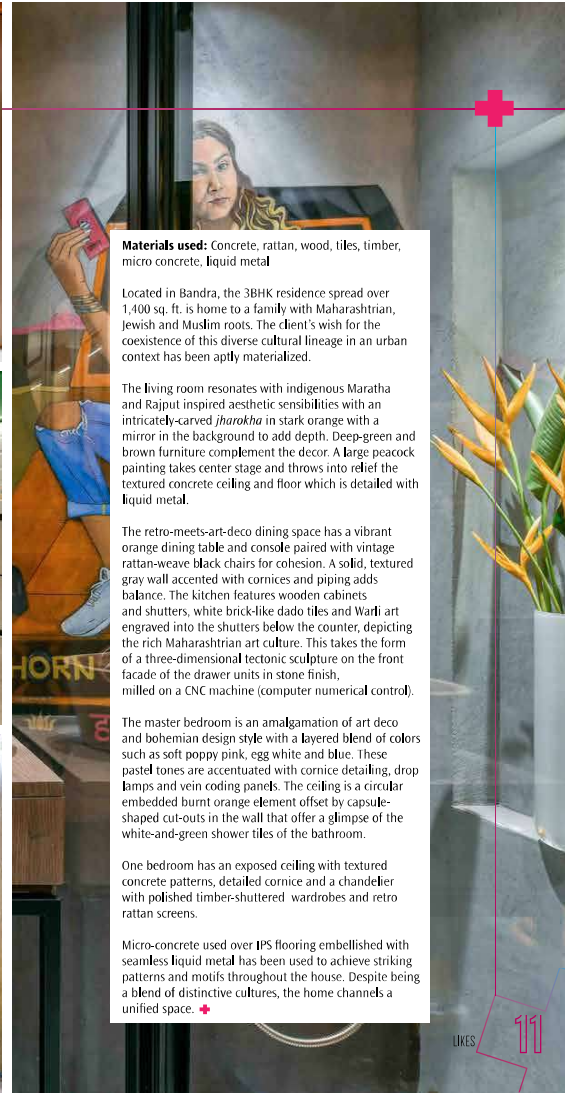
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BIBELOT

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Materials used: Concrete, rattan, wood, tiles, timber, micro concrete, liquid metal

Located in Bandra, the 3BHK residence spread over 1,400 sq. ft. is home to a family with Maharashtrian, Jewish and Muslim roots. The client's wish for the coexistence of this diverse cultural lineage in an urban context has been aptly materialized.

The living room resonates with indigenous Maratha and Rajput inspired aesthetic sensibilities with an intricately-carved *Jharokha* in stark orange with a mirror in the background to add depth. Deep-green and brown furniture complement the decor. A large peacock painting takes center stage and throws into relief the textured concrete ceiling and floor which is detailed with liquid metal.

The retro-meets-art-deco dining space has a vibrant orange dining table and console paired with vintage rattan-weave black chairs for cohesion. A solid, textured gray wall accented with cornices and piping adds balance. The kitchen features wooden cabinets and shutters, white brick-like dado tiles and Warli art engraved into the shutters below the counter, depicting the rich Maharashtrian art culture. This takes the form of a three-dimensional tectonic sculpture on the front facade of the drawer units in stone finish, milled on a CNC machine (computer numerical control).

The master bedroom is an amalgamation of art deco and bohemian design style with a layered blend of colors such as soft poppy pink, egg white and blue. These pastel tones are accentuated with cornice detailing, drop lamps and vein coding panels. The ceiling is a circular embedded burnt orange element offset by capsule-shaped cut-outs in the wall that offer a glimpse of the white-and-green shower tiles of the bathroom.

One bedroom has an exposed ceiling with textured concrete patterns, detailed cornice and a chandelier with polished timber-shuttered wardrobes and retro rattan screens.

Micro-concrete used over IPS flooring embellished with seamless liquid metal has been used to achieve striking patterns and motifs throughout the house. Despite being a blend of distinctive cultures, the home channels a unified space.

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In today's interior design

and decor context, tiles are an ever-evolving material available to create infinite styles and aesthetics. The tile industry has expanded its doors to many creative arrays with technological advancement. In terms of composition, look, properties, and installation, tiles offer a multitude of possibilities. In addition, they are readily available in the market, provide low-maintenance benefits, and feature aesthetically pleasing attributes, making them a preferred pick for interiors.

Tiles are available in varied materials namely natural stone, porcelain, ceramic and glass, to list a few. Keeping the desired look, cost-effectiveness and installation in mind, one can choose from an array of options. For flooring design, hand-crafted cement tiles are an economical option to curate timeless schemes. Block prints and patterns on tiles in



bold colors can add a tinge of transitional look-fee to the entire space. In addition to using natural stone finish tiles for flooring, marble-aesthetic slim tiles for storage shutters are another way to bring bespoke design to your spaces.

Patterns like herring-bone, chevron or stripes can be achieved through assembling a combination of bold and bright tile options. For bedroom spaces -solid materials and upholstery elements can be spruced up using terrazzo-looking tiles. Experimental grouting details and laying techniques can be amalgamated using tile to create



personal and beautiful spatial experiences. Gradient shades of pigmented tiles can be clad for creating an inner envelope of luxury and innovation. With a variety of sizes to choose from, one can freely use slabs of tiles to curate robust and expanded visual arenas. Moreover, machine cut tiles in diverse shapes and forms help create dynamic spatial characters and bespoke visual identities.

Marble-looking slim tiles with low porosity characteristics can be opted for kitchen countertops and wall paneling to maintain the look as well as efficiency. Slim tiles in varied thicknesses



can be opted for to create geometric patterns and achieve artsy vibes for personal spaces like closets and bathrooms. Hand painted checkered tiles in pop colors are another way to add dramatic vibes in confined spaces. Conventionally tagged as building terrace flooring, mosaics are an underrated option to create picturesque wall collages and displayed as artwork for larger spaces. Available in various finishes, mosaics enable us to create interesting back-splashes and wall panels.

Brick-like dado tiles for kitchen back-splashes and deck areas can bring a rustic yet sophisticated look overlapped with functionality. Interlocking tiles are also referred to as single-lap tiles. Indicative of the name, the edge of one tile fits under a groove along an edge in the next tile in the same course. Available in various materials like concrete, clay, recycled plastic, etc., interlocking tiles are highly durable, easy to maintain and chemical resistant. While polyvinyl chloride is a go-to choice for the indoors, interlocking cement and clay tiles work best outdoors. Paver blocks are a more colloquial name for these highly durable, skid-resistant, and quick-to-install tiles. Interlocking permeable pavers are the creative, environment-friendly option to zest up your urban landscapes with some greens.

Keeping in mind the look and feel, thickness, body properties and finishes, tiles can be shuffled in variegated mood boards to curate unique, innovative design themes and aesthetics. +

