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> On a design discovery at Anu Kewalram's latest project in Dubai

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Homes that respond and adapt are the need of the hour. Get inspired by how these Indian designers have implemented multi-functional spatial ideas to elevate everyday living to exciting new levels FEATURE NEERJA KAPADIA

### SPECIAL FEATURE

For a home to be successful, the objects it in must respond, complement and balance one another, especially in urban cities that face space crunches. My objective is to provide usability wherever possible.

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A luxurious residence in the plush neighbourhood of

up as a library within the room. It has a concealed

shelf that can slide open up for writing, otherwise, the voracious readers of the home, spend some much-

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needed 'me' time in that spot.

More than one spot in the home serves dual and multiple purposes. While the pull-out bar is strategically placed to enjoy a drink when soaking in the ocean view, the study nook is apt for reading, writing and working. Of course, storage has been given due importance and displayed accordingly.



### **SENSORY BLENDS RACHNA AGARWAL**,

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During the pandemic, homes became our refuge, playing multifaceted roles of an office, a school, a gym, a play area, and more. Having won an award in the category of 'Women Achievers in Leading Flexispaces', Rachna Agarwal excels in offering multiple uses with clever space planning for her clients. Shifting away from ostentatiousness with a pared-down look, the image above shows how she has merged the indoors and outdoors with the simple addition of floor-to-ceiling glass doors, seamlessly integrating both areas. In the image below, an open approach to blending the formal and informal rooms has been implemented by positioning the furniture in a strategic arrangement, harmonising the areas with wood on the ceiling and flooring in different segments.

(TOP) Named 'The Cove', the outdoors overlooking the ocean paired with a modern interior theme gives the space a holiday-like vibe. (BOTTOM) 'The Envelope' on the other hand, exudes a luxurious residential interior theme with its design aesthetic, and smart use of space.

### Flexible designs, detachable units, and convertible pieces are crucial to making our homes suited for this new normal. It is these flexible spaces that constantly adapt to our changing home requirements.

—Rachna Agarwal, Founder, Studio IAAD