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NATURALISTIC LIVING

AARTI AGGARWAL'S
DESIGN FOR
GOEL HOUSE IN
GURUGRAM HELPS
BRING NATURE WITHIN
THROUGH CREATIVE
DESIGNING AND
IMPLEMENTATION.

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Enjoy a musical evening with friends as you play guitar on the rocking chair kept right next to the window.

Designed as a modern, minimalist yet warm and cosy space, the Goel house in Gurugram gets its makeover for a few rooms by **Aarti Aggarwal**, Principal Designer at **Knock on Wood**. Spread across three floors, the house has been built around the concept of inhabitants love for spending time outdoor.

Ask the designer, what kind a home was the client looking for and she shares, "When the couple came across this property, they thought they had found it all; a perfect mix of nature and serenity packed away from the hustle and bustle, yet located in the heart of Gurugram. The Goels who have been married for 25 years, wanted to create a soulful and comfortable oasis for themselves. Hence, a conscious effort was made to incorporate nature into the interiors by opening up space through balconies and large windows.

One enters the main lobby on the ground floor, which strategically creates a visual partition for the dining area. The lobby then connects various private and public rooms like the lounge area, kitchen and parents room to each other. A dramatic staircase is the spine of the house, as it connects all three floors, and an atrium provides open space and ventilation to the interiors.

The first floor houses master suite with a dresser and TV area along with the children's (who are twins) room on the same floor. "An avid guitar player, son's room has been designed keeping in mind his love for music and thus showcases his collection of guitars which when not in use are hung via hooks on walls making for an interesting wall decor.





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Smart ways to store or display items inside or over the wooden wall unit.

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Enjoy the wonders of wood as it can be used as a storage drawer, display shelving system or as an almirah to store clothing and valuables.

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A wooden swing suspended from the roof in the middle of the room allows one to sit back and relax.

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The greyish cabinets and the white holders put over the brick wall background all match to the theme of using natural material palette.



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Adding sophistication and style to the room is his bed that exudes the rustic beauty of the wonderful material that is wood. In order to show son's smooth transition from a teen to an adult, we have blended lacquer with teak to produce appealing designs. Adding character to the room is the teak wood along with vibrant blue accents in different areas. The interiors of the room are drenched in white to make it look airy and spacious."

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Vibrant blue accents add character to son's room.

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Dress up in style as the full length mirror setup allow you to keep the basics on shelves and store the rest in cabinet beneath.

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Daughter's bed doubles up as a seating area where she can iull into relaxation, read a book or simply laze.



Daughter's study area has beautiful lacquer and wood cabinets that hold everything from her CDs to school books and elements of nature thus helping in cutting clutter in the room.

Adding on to the daughter's bedroom, Aarti shares, "Her bedroom crafted in an unusual combination of pine wood and grey depicts her creative soul, where she can work efficiently in a calm environment. The dark relaxing grey hue is well-complemented by the pop of colours that come from the cheerful fabric used on the cushions and the swing. Her study area has beautiful lacquer cabinets that hold everything from CDs to school books and helps cut clutter in the room. Her bed doubles-up as a seating area, where she can lull into relaxation, read a book or simply laze. The side table on the other end of the bed works its way to the dressing table, while providing a comfortable seating. Suspended from the ceiling is a fun and functional piece of furniture, the swing, where the girl can have her therapeutic moment or where conversations flow freely." The second floor has private spaces for the other members (elder siblings) of the family.

