
COMFORT ZONE

Room with a view

Her living room is a perfect example of creating a soothing and welcoming environment, AMRITA ARORA tells SAVIA RAJAGOPAL

Comfort zone:

Living room.

Area:

680 sq feet.

Set-up time:

"Setting up a room comes with time. As soon as I moved in, I had the wooden flooring done but more or less, everything was in place. A lot of our furniture was bought from 'Eastern Treasures' including the coffee table."

Interior designer:

"Mum and I have put this room together. The essence and ideas are ours alone."

Special because:

"It has wooden flooring which gives it a warm feel. It's very quiet and lets me relax. This room is where I can just lounge around and be myself."

Ideating it:

"I love the log-cabin kind of feel and huge glass windows. There are lots of plants which is very calming. I don't like the room being cluttered. For me, the more open it is, the better. I think the room reflects me as a person as well."

Elements implemented:

"I love the corner which has the alcove in the wall. It's beautiful because it has memories of travel and many family photographs. I love the greenery around as my parents have green thumbs and treat their plants like babies!"

Feng Shui/ Vaastu:

"I don't believe in all that! You're born with a certain karma and vibe which you bring into your house. You don't need anything to channel your energies in the right direction except to live well and be a good person!"

Maintaining right:

"Well, the flooring is treated wood so you do the sweeping, swabbing regardless. Once or twice a year, before Christmas or Diwali, we get polishing done. You have to be a little careful about scratches and dragging other wood furniture. Sometimes wearing high heels and walking briskly across can also cause scratches. But with Arhaan (her nephew) around now, he draws on the wood and so we've conditioned ourselves into saying that this is going to happen! However, we are planning to change it in a year. Wood is definitely high on maintenance."

Innovating space:

"I keep reinventing this room by changing cushions and curtains. Mum and I get bored of furniture so we keep changing that around. I feel small changes can make a lot of difference and do wonders to your room."

Guest list:

"It's a room where you can just chill and gossip with friends. We've held dinners as well as my meetings. So, it's a multi-purpose room! People can come in and just be."

Best compliment:

"That it's a very warm room. Our room invites you to walk inside, leave your hassles aside and just relax!"

Comfort zone:

"For me, the living room is where I can just lounge around and be myself, and enjoy the essence of my home."

