



LOFT EFFECT

Lifestyle store owner Karishma Bajaj gets rid of walls and creates a unified space

Above Left The informal second seating in the living room doubles up as a bed for two. The canvas on the wall is by Gwen

Above Right Shaggy carpet from Digrida below the centre table. The red accessories add colour to the otherwise monochromatic space

Below The open kitchen is demarcated by the wooden floor from Square Foot. A wooden lattice cleverly hides the refrigerator



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Clockwise, from Top The living room sofas and centre table are from Red, Blue & Yellow. The tall mango wood vase is from Digrida

A wood and glass grid partition separates the kitchen from the

dining area. "Paradox" dining table set is from Red, Blue & Yellow

An unconventional apartment number plate with snippets of India greets you at the entrance, contradicting the Zen space inside





The task at hand was to convert a regular South Mumbai flat into an ideal abode for a single working woman: Me. Stylish, simple and functional was my goal. The first thing I did was remove every wall to create a unified space. It helped that I'm a partner of a lifestyle store – Red, Blue & Yellow and therefore, have access to a variety of furniture and accessories. However, given my choices, I felt it imperative to establish a space that was in tune with my identity and not just an extension of my store.

I wanted to maintain the single space approach as I love the loft look and know it is a rarity in India. I divided the hall into two sitting areas. For the larger space, I chose a formal though comfortable seating set-up with large side tables and used an oversized centre table that is also as a serving area. The smaller sitting area conveniently doubles as a divan cum bed for the occasional guest. A wooden screen separates my kitchen from the dining space.

For the bedroom, I had to accommodate a double-bed, my work area and a spacious wardrobe. I decided on a solid teak floor, a bed with a high headboard and a small, low chair.

To create a space one can identify with isn't difficult. As long as you know what suits you, even the most mundane space can be transformed into a delightful dwelling of warmth and comfort. ♦

Above Right The green tiles from Cambay Stone, form an interesting backdrop for the wenge wood counter and Duravit basin

Below and Left In the bedroom a low chair from Red, Blue & Yellow on a rug from Digirido. The study area is placed in the sun-washed



corner of the bedroom. The multi-purpose unit adjacent to the study table has a photograph by Paul Rodrigues and a vase from Digirido

