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**W**hile designing the living room of this 2,000 square foot home, Khushboo and Kunal Khandelwal realized they had to change the entire layout. Earlier, the entrance led straight into a corridor where one encountered a door to the servant's bathroom. Clearly a problem – which they resolved by moving the dining area, and creating a direct entry into the living room. And this of course posed its own set of privacy-related problems, which they resolved by screening off the informal area of the living room with a curtain of coloured shells, and the formal area with a wooden partition that has an in-built niche for displaying artefacts.

The living room is demarcated

into two distinct areas. The formal space has a wooden floor, while the informal one is defined by a change in level of one step and a floor in Dyna Italian marble.

One of the clients' basic requirements was ample storage. While panelling the walls to lend a warm look, the architects provided storage behind some of them. The hardware is also all concealed – none of the handles are visible, and one sees only grooves – making the storage blend unobtrusively with the wall panelling.

A mix of incandescent and fluorescent lighting provides an interesting play of lighting, which also makes for intriguing changes of colour on the marble flooring.





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