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Trendy ware

Art'd Inox introduces a new collection centred around the Ginkgo motif. Made from stainless steel and wood, it includes coaster sets, tissue boxes and multi-utility storage cases. The leaf motif that dominates the range is etched onto the surfaces in each category. ₹1,400 upwards. Details: art'dinox.com or 09930071269



Inspired racks

Home decor website, Plush Plaza launches its furniture line geared towards giving your home the right balance between functionality and aesthetics. They bring quirky and edgy together in features like the guitar-shaped bar and tree-shaped bookstand, among others. ₹13,000 upwards. Details: plushplaza.com

# House of travels

A family getaway home with eclectic pieces and exotic décor from around the world

Aptly called Solitude, this house is a mini-travel museum furnished with things that Shankar and her family have collected on their visits to countries including Tanzania, Kenya, Canada and Scandinavia.

Garden of Eden

The drawing room, foyer and kitchen, in beautiful hues of green, merge seamlessly into one another, while the garden itself is very Zen like, dominated by a serene Buddha. Photographs, some in striking black and white, detailing the family's trips, dot the walls while the wooden flooring gives it a warm, homey feel.

The bedrooms are all differently themed, with matching curtains, rugs, linen and lampshades. "We worked to incorporate elements of flowers, space, jungle and under-the-sea. Some of the furnishings are hand-made. We even sewed



cloth flowers on to the linen for added effect." Shankar tells us, pointing out the lampshades, featuring a monkey, banana leaves forming the shade, and perfectly matched wallpaper and paintings.

Fun factor

Dolphins and waves dominate the



under-the-sea room with aquariums that serve as bed ends and tide tables. Twinkling stars and glowing comets dot the space room while the bathroom is done up in black for a 'black hole' effect.

"You'll feel like you're in a Masai Mara resort with the leopard print bed-covers and a bear skin rug, centred around her younger son's prized possession, a chess set from Serengeti, the pieces, all safari-bised with lions as kings and monkeys as pawns. Shankar's favourite spot is a rocking chair in the kitchen. "Our pride and joy is a custom-made 300-kilogram brass abhisheka set," beams Shankar.

Details: solitudetothe20thhole.weebly.com

—Aakanksha Devi



Relax mystified

OCATED on the outskirts of the city, on the Mysore highway, this family home is indeed a visual treat. The four bedrooms, foyer, living room, patio and kitchen, is the getaway spot of Dr Mythri Shankar, a physician in the city, and her family. And what makes this one stand out is its unique travel themes. "My husband, two sons and I have travelled extensively. And the idea was basically to get the kids involved and have a quirky house filled with knick knacks from our travels," she shares describing this 'very personal work-in-progress'.

