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Glassified!

On a lazy Sunday afternoon, Prachi Sibal wanders into a small house and discovers it's a studio that makes and displays an array of all things glass

From the outside, it looks like an ordinary home. Step in and it's a world of its own. Literally so. The handiwork of Anjali Venkat, a creative artist who is passionate about glass, this small and compact studio is a veritable trove of glass in besotting forms and shapes. The orange walls add to the ethnic charm of this space.

"Doing up your house has nothing much to do with your budget," says Anjali. Her 18-month-old studio, Anjali Glass, is testimony to that statement. When we troop in, she is busy fiddling around with glass, conceptualising interesting shapes and concepts. She shows us a lamp that she is busy working on. It's basically melted glass moulded into a lampshade; one of the techniques she uses for her creations. Usually she works with fused glass and mosaic.

The artifacts on display include candle shelters, table tops, trays, tissue holders, melted glass bottles that serve as tiny trays

and double up as pen holders, wall decorations and jewellery. Created based on aforementioned techniques, Anjali also mixes mirrors and natural materials like semi-precious stones and shells to produce a different effect when light falls on them.

Anjali is literally a mistress of her own space; she ideates and implements designs and is hands-on in the management aspect of the store. In addition to store sales, Anjali also custom makes glass-based designs - panels and cabinet doors. "I think in glass," she says, "Having worked with glass for years now, it's easy for me to envision designs for my clients as I can visualise the effect a glass creation can have on your house."

Prices at the store begin at Rs120 for candle shelters and go up to Rs22,000 for custom-made lamps depending on the size.

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