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# Dream HOME

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## RAISING THE BAR

“The major challenge with this home was not just the basement but to work around a 15-year-old structure with minimal changes. This turned into an opportunity for us to try something atypical,” says architect Amit Aurora. A great example is the half-broken wall in the basement between the lounge and bar area. “To create a sense of excitement and add a dash of colour, we used recycled beer and whiskey bottles to create a sheer-like look. Wooden logs, planks and bar stools along with metal foot rests added to the raw look,” says architect Rahul Bansal. No additional doors were added to let the space feel seamless. Since there are no windows here and all lights are

artificial. “Cleverly designed pendant lights made from *lassi* glasses with antique gold finish were suspended over the bar counter fitted with backlit onyx ledge creates drama,” adds Aurora. Another interesting element is the graffiti commissioned specially for the basement foyer (right). “Sufficient ventilation has been provided as well as sump tanks for plumbing works,” says Bansal.

**What** Arora Residence

**Location** Sainik Farms, New Delhi

**Area** 1,186.86 sq ft

**Tip** A window less basement is a challenge. Use lights that can mimic changing daylight inside in real time.





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