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A spicy revival!

Interior designer Sihan Wiid of Mink Design wanted to 'uplift' this fresh home in Mowbray, Cape Town with colour, structure and personality.

The façade, once dulled by sun exposure, looks fresh in a deep blue-grey – a cool, calm base that allows the orange shutters to shine. The interplay between these tones offers contrast and cohesion, creating a look that feels bold and considered. Crisp white architraves and sleek black wall lanterns subtly modernise the classic architecture.

We love the bespoke meranti planter boxes treated with a warm, orange-toned sealer. A chartreuse powder-coated steel frame offers contrast. The blooming French lavender (*Lavandula stoechas*) is fragrant and can also be enjoyed from indoors.

Grayson Lantern outdoor wall light from lighting.co.za; planter boxes designed by Mink Design

Step up

The homeowner's love of colour is evident soon as you step through the pedestrian gate and take in the garden and grand built-in raised stoep leading to the house.

"The planter defines the space," says Sihan. "At 1.8m tall and clad in olive-green tiles, it frames the entrance and provides privacy and a sense of interest." Star jasmine (*Trachelium jasminoides*), a hardy fragrant climber, cascades over the edge of the stoep.

Instead of patterned floor tiles, the designer opted for textured tiles in a playful palette, experimenting with shapes and sizes to create a unique look," she explains. The orange inset tile is combined with a non-slip flooring solution.

Table from Pedersen + Leroy; chairs from Douglas and Douglas; Glacé Collection Avio Reyé; Talco Timbro and Talco Masson; Studio Masson; Elio Clay from Pudlo

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The homeowner's love of colour is evident as soon as you step through the striking orange pedestrian gate and take in the lush front garden and grand built-in planter on the raised stoep leading to the front door.

"The planter defines the space," says Sihan. "At 1.8m tall and clad in elegant olive-green tiles, it frames the stoep beautifully and provides privacy and architectural interest." Star jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*), a hardy fragrant climber, will in time cascade over the edges and, hopefully, climb the pergola.

Instead of patterned floor tiles, Sihan opted for textured tiles in a playful layout. "I love experimenting with shapes and placement for a unique look," she explains. "The gloss orange inset tile is combined with a matte tile for a non-slip flooring solution." >>

Table from Pedersen + Lennard; woven dining chairs from Douglas and Douglas; olive-green Glacé Collection Avio Reyé tiles and white Sixty Talco Timbro and Talco Matt floor tiles from Studio Masson; Elios Clay Mustard tile inset from Pudlo

This transformation is more than aesthetic – it's a joyful reimagining that celebrates contrast, craftsmanship and the small details that turn a house into a living, breathing home. – Sihan Wiid

