

THE Wanderlust lifestyle

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Travel is life, travel is style. One of Calgary's most prominent interior designers, Alykhan Velji, takes us on a trip on styling the living room – or any other living space of your home – with his new collaboration with Urban Barn, Wanderlust.



Alykhan Velji, designer pictured with his traditional inspired console table that is extra-long with ornate bobbin leg details.



The armchair features a graphic print, antique brass metal foot caps and is as comfortable as it is stylish. Add interest and dimension to your space with this sculptural stool featuring trending curves and an antique brass finish.



Aly's living room featuring the Wanderlust collection.

Boucle arm chair with contemporary curves and splayed legs is gorgeous at every angle paired with black metal, undeniably handsome and striking urns.



When I am designing living spaces, I always want to ensure they not only look great but also are comfortable, inviting, and really have a mix of furniture styles with a lot of pattern and texture. These are spaces where people spend a lot of quality time entertaining, hanging out and making memories. The goal is to make these spaces look effortless and curated over time. When I was asked to design a collection for Urban Barn, I was so excited to infuse inspirations from my travels. I have always found that travelling inspires me in so many ways and really influences the way that I design not only my client's spaces, but my own personal space as well, hence calling the collection Wanderlust. I also knew that I wanted to create pieces that worked together to create a cohesive look but also ones that worked on their own. I have come to be known for my signature of mixing furniture styles in my interiors and this collection is a true reflection of that. A mix of mid-century, modern, traditional and everything in between is showcased in this collection. From the soft curves in the coffee table bases and chairs, bobbin style legs in the console and bench, the mix of wood tones and the hammered metal finishes there is a showcase of how different styles can work harmoniously.



Creating layers using texture and pattern is key to any living space. Featuring the round side tables in rich mango wood with a unique round detail at the base and sculptural design.



Mango wood console table with its traditional inspiration. Add some softness to your space with the round ottoman with this natural oak base and textural upholstery.



Creating spaces that look like they have been curated overtime is something that is very important to me when it comes to design. I do this with a careful mix of pieces but also introducing patterns and textures so that each space looks layered. The Wanderlust collection is a true labour of love that took almost 2 years to come to life. I couldn't be happier with the collection and am so excited to see how people incorporate these pieces into their own homes. The Wanderlust Collection will be available online as of January 19th, 2023, and will officially launch in stores February 17th, 2023. More info at www.UrbanBarn.com



For the last 11 years Alykhan Velji's boutique design firm, Alykhan Velji Design (AVD), has brought an energetic flavour to the Canadian design scene. Known as a master of mixing design styles, patterns and textures, he loves to add a hint of the unexpected to each of his projects—ensuring that each design is personalized, goes beyond the current trends, and stands the test of time. Go to alykhanveljidesigns.com for more.