

Whatever Studio: Quirky & Arty

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The interior of Whatever Studio stacked with cushions, paintings and a myriad of other items

A sign that read 'Whatever Studio' piqued our curiosity and beckoned us in. What greeted our gazes within were a myriad of items that could only be described as unique and wonderful!

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Nestled in Longdon Place, behind the BMICH with easy access, the broad entrance of Whatever Studio belies the cheery and bright interior within. Fashioned as an 'arty quirky' space filled with unorthodox yet charming items, every corner of the shop holds a pleasant surprise.

Though confined to a small space, the goods are deftly arranged to show their distinctiveness. Further the white walls and shelves lend an air of spaciousness that complements the vibrancy of the merchandise.

“Most of the items here you would not find anywhere else,” said Gayathri Hanwella, owner of Whatever Studio. “We focus on handmade designer items and the promise is to enjoy some art in your everyday life. Further this is a space for local artists and designers to market their unique products.”

Stunning dresses, tops and skirts along with comfy pants—fashioned in soothing colours are spread along a rack. Designed by Upeksha Hager, the collection poses an ideal addition to any wardrobe with its chic styles and cool linens. Eye-catching sarees, shawls, cushion covers and bags by Ohe Island offer customers the opportunity to mix and match to create quirky yet fun ensembles. Ceramic items, antique door handles and other decorative articles further lures one in. Silver jewellery by Ridhi and copper jewellery with semi precious-stones made by Marianick poses a subtle glamour. Earrings, necklaces, rings, bracelets and hand painted bangles attract the eye of any. Hand painted candles by two Ripe Mangoes and a number of vibrant paintings placed artfully completes the setting, presenting a small yet delightful expanse. Most of these designer items are designed especially for Whatever Studio and as such are unique.

Further, Whatever Studio carries a range of home baked goodies such as cakes and Nandi’s milk toffees. Freshly baked, the goodies are packed with the goodness characteristic of homemade delectables.

“The items in the Studio are made for people who appreciate art,” explained Gayathri Hanwella. “And it is all about enjoying art in everyday life.”

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