



Every room has televisions playing kid friendly movies

Botelhowood Architects design a dental office that is welcoming for children

Kid-friendly & Colourful

When Dr. Janie Brown of Par la Ville Dental was looking for a place to open up her dentist office, she wanted to make sure it was inviting for children. Although Dr. Brown does have some adult clients, most of her patients are children. So one of the mandates she had to Botelhowood Architects was to make sure it was colorful and playful, a project that Lisamarie Masters and Claudia Richardson-Botelho helped deliver.

Ms. Richardson-Botelho said that while her firm is known for its clean lines and contemporary look, it's



There are bold splashes of color - including orange



The dental office exudes playfulness and comfort

really about responding to the client's desires. In the case of Par-La-Ville Dental, it was making sure the design was kid-friendly and comfortable for children and parents to come to and not be overwhelmed by the feel of a medical office.

"She wanted a fun place," Ms. Richardson-Botelho said. "This is definitely different than most of the dental offices in Bermuda. There are lime green chairs and splashes of orange on the walls—lots of bold colors—and light wood floors, which have a welcoming, homey feel. There are televisions in every room playing kid friendly videos. This space is saying 'Wow!'"

"We tried to get as much light as possible into the space," said Ms. Richardson-Botelho. "The location already had ceiling-to-floor windows along the front of the building, but the challenge was how do we get that light transferred to the entire space?"

She said one way they accomplished that was interior glass walls. Both the hygienists' rooms had lower walls, which also helped allow for the light to pass through to the back part of the office. Neither one of them has doors, also helping to keep the office brighter.

The biggest challenge was trying to fit in everything that Dr. Brown required. There is a reception area, two hygienists' rooms, three operatories, sterilisation room, staff room, IT area and Dr. Brown's private office. "Dr. Brown had a feasibility study done on the operations she needed to have for a profitable business," Ms. Richardson-Botelho said.

Ms. Masters added that it was a

challenge because of certain conditions, such as how close the sinks and equipment had to be in order to be functional. "There were parameters which we had to work with", she said, but Botelhowood, E&G Craftshop, Tint Masters and the BAC Group of Companies all contributed their skills to create this unique dental office.



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