



RISE AND SHINE

By bringing down walls to facilitate a seamless flow between spaces, ID Emboss elevates an old HDB flat to a bright, airy home.

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Much can be done to create a timeless, contemporary apartment. And in that light, this five-room HDB flat at Toh Yi Drive is an example of great spatial planning, among other things. The young family had commissioned Dave Ng of ID Emboss with the brief to create an uncluttered space that is “easy on the eyes, as well as easy to maintain”.



CONNECTING SPACES

Explaining his solution, the creative director says, “For this home, it’s all about connecting the different spaces and allowing plenty of light to enter the home. That is why we kept furnishings and cabinetry low, and stuck to a clean and neutral colour palette.”

The family also wanted more space. Dave felt that this could be achieved by taking away the study at the front of the house for larger living and dining areas. Walls of the study were hacked down, giving the common spaces the benefit of an additional window, inevitably letting in an abundance of natural light. Because of structural regulations, the design team left two pillars standing, which also help to demarcate the dining area. These pillars were connected with low cabinets that serve multiple functions. Not only do they mark out a foyer of sorts near the entrance, the cabinets offer plenty of storage space as well as provide room as a buffet table when parties take place.



MAXIMUM EXPOSURE

Continuing the open concept theme found in the living area, the kitchen entrance has been expanded by bringing down the adjacent wall. This allowed the design team to install double glass doors that can be closed when the owners do any heavy cooking.

The family was also keen on having a lot of storage in the kitchen, so a series of high pressure, scratch-resistant cabinets were installed on both sides. Aesthetics-wise, the natural wood tones of the cabinetry imbue a pleasant warmth into the kitchen.

COMFORT ZONES

The master bedroom too boasts the same openness found in the rest of the home. To keep things neat and tidy, Dave constructed a customised sliding wardrobe set flush against the television console that can be closed off. The two compartments are distinguished by the use of different coloured laminating. ■■

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