



UNIVERSAL APPEAL

With a few ingenious ideas and a stylish touch, this resale unit was remodelled into a clean and modern family home that suits the various lifestyles of a three-generation family.

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Creating a home that pleases everyone in the family is not an easy task, especially when the household in question is a multi-generational one. But working closely together with the design team from ID Emboss, the owner of this 1,050-sq-ft, three-bedroom condominium unit in District 8 successfully transformed the apartment into an airy and functional space for himself and his wife, their two boys and his in-laws. The end product is an apartment that's modern and contemporary, and filled with warmth from the timber finishing used, as well as from the elegantly curated wooden furniture. This is complemented with the owners' quirky sense of style emanating from the whimsical and abstract paintings that pepper the unit.



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FLOOD OF LIGHT

This apartment comes with a full-height glass panel flanked by wide casement windows that let natural light into the living area, while providing the family a clear view of the pleasant greenery outside. In configuring the space, the design team chose not to follow the prior spatial layout. Instead, the team moved the TV and feature wall to the opposite side. According to one of the designers, this offers the best view for the unit. Down lights and cove lighting installed enable the home owners to create the right mood at the right time – perhaps a brighter room for a family gathering or a muted glow for a romantic late night in-house date. And of course, the same stylish wooden furniture chosen for the living area give a sense of continuation in the home.

KITCHEN AS ART

Chief among the issues was that the original open-concept kitchen did not suit the family's lifestyle, as the boys' grandmother preferred a closed kitchen for her Asian-style cooking. To achieve that, the team built a wall to clearly separate the kitchen from the living room.

Besides demarcating specific spaces within the home, the new wall also allowed for more storage, in the form of wall-hung cabinets, to be built in the kitchen. Natural light is let in via two sliding glass panels – the wood-framed, transparent door and the sliding partition at the breakfast serving area, which is also timber-framed. These sliding panels also frame the kitchen and the yummy processes inside it as though they are art – the art of cooking, that is – for those seated at the dining table. Metallic steel laminate further brightens the kitchen, while giving it an urban, industrial look that clearly distinguishes it from the warmer feel in the rest of the home.

COMFORT AND FAMILIARITY

Similarly, when one steps into the master bathroom, a certain sense of comfort and familiarity can be felt with the use of grainy timber laminate for the cabinets and slate grey tiles for the flooring and walls. The space has been enlarged with the creation of a luxuriously large shower stall in place of a bathtub, which the owners decided they didn't need.

Overall, while modern contemporary may be the predominant look, comfort and warmth was not compromised in this project. **115**

