



# BACK TO BASICS

ID Emboss takes the road of simplicity in the refurbishment of an inter-terrace house.

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Overhauling a house can be exciting business. Ideas are thrown about with abandon and there is much anticipation for how the final product will turn out. In all the excitement, there is always the risk of overdoing things, but this was not the case for this inter-terrace house designed by ID Emboss.

#### KEEP IT SIMPLE

Responding to a practical design brief that called for more space, creative director Dave Ng was singular in his pursuit of a simple but wholly practical house.



For practicality's sake, the cooking space has been finished in charcoal grey tones.



"I proposed bringing down all the walls to connect the various areas. At the same time, I also used a basic black and white colour scheme that would not be too distracting," says Dave. Wanting to create a clean and airy atmosphere, he also focused on clean lines and simple finishes throughout the house in a mix of contrasting monochromatic tones.

To help further open up the main living area, Dave installed full-height glass doors that let an abundance of light into the space. The family area has also been kept very simple with a mere false wall inserted to hide unsightly electrical cables.

#### COOKING IN

For days when a sandwich will suffice for lunch, the dry kitchen comes in handy. Housed right beside the dining area, it is a bright and airy space that is fully fitted with its own refrigerator, oven, hob and sink, making it capable as a fully functioning kitchen for preparing light meals. It even comes with a compact island for quick bites or when extra preparation space is required.

#### TRIPLE THREAT

With landed homes, there is always more leeway when designing one's spaces. This comes in especially handy when designing the master bedroom, where a walk-in wardrobe and a generous en suite bathroom

are now almost mandatory. In this house, the latter is a larger-than-usual monochromatic space that is as contemporary as it is luxurious. Laminated cabinets with decorative black-on-black flourishes create details of interest while the rest of the space has been kept spare and simple.

Interestingly, Dave designed the master bedroom so that the walk-in wardrobe is accessible from both the sleeping area and bathroom. Given the ample room in each space, it truly is a trinity of private luxury. ■■



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