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# masculine appeal

SOPHISTICATION IS SPIKED WITH MASCULINE UNDERTONES IN THIS FOUR-ROOM HDB APARTMENT IN SERANGOON DESIGNED BY ID EMBOSS.

The owner of this 95-square-metre apartment had requested for a contemporary design for his bachelor's pad and he wanted one that is distinctly laced with a masculine mood. This the design team from ID Emboss delivered with panache as they instilled a masculine presence that is sophisticated and very urbane. A strict palette of white, silver, grey and black pervades the apartment at the advice of a geomancer and lines and materials are kept disciplined.

#### A MODISH AFFAIR

The backdrop of the living room is a glass wall that ID Emboss spray-painted in alternating shades of black and white, making for a refreshing change from the usually plain white walls many homeowners go for. Centring this glass wall is a recessed shelf that the design team carved out to house the owner's personal mementos. Keeping to the colour scheme, the black-tiled floor and light grey sofa blend in perfectly with the rest of the space. Above, a stepped false ceiling allows recessed lights to sweep the ceiling with a diffused glow.

Just a few feet away from the living area is the dining room. A slim standalone counter doubles up as the dining area. Made of white solid surface top and steel trimmings, the customised dining table lends a contemporary vibe to the space while black leather barstools and pendant lamps poised above complete the look.

#### URBAN FLAVOURS

Entry to the compact kitchen is glammed up with a glass partition spray-painted in black and grey that is placed behind the dining area. This effectively apports the unit without hemming up spaces. In the kitchen, cabinets are mostly finished in white laminates, while the black glass backsplash complements the dark tone of the semi-gloss homogeneous tiles on the floor. Black and white are used in perfect balance, creating a stylishly urban kitchen. To break the solidity of opaque cabinets and walls, frosted glass panels punctuate portions of the cabinetry. Extending the design even to the choice of appliances, a sleek steel refrigerator underlines the kitchen's clean lines and modern look.

#### FRESH COMPOSITION

Ample storage is made available to hide any unsightly clutter. To synchronise with the rest of the home, the customised walk-in wardrobe, laid out in an L-shaped configuration, is finished in white laminates. Timber laminate flooring adds just the right amount of warmth to the ambience while frosted glass sliding doors serve to balance out the composition.

A tempered frosted glass door leads you to the master bathroom. A built-in vanity top is fitted with an above-counter basin to create a simple but stylish look. Storage for all toiletries is positioned below the vanity top and closed with glossy grey laminated doors. The design team also installed a full wall of mirror to expand the space visually. 144

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