



At the Hong's' semi-detached house off Linden Drive, a three-storey-high wall illuminated by a skylight was painted yellow and sprinkled with gold dust for aesthetic and fengshui reasons. The 56-year-old couple's son Harri, 16, is pictured here. ST PHOTO: TOH WEN LI

How to use colour

- Choose colours that you like and which reflect your personality.
- If you do not want all the walls to look the same but are still unsure of what exactly you want, highlight one wall with a colour you like and use neutrals for the rest.
- In a small room, opt for light, neutral-toned colours. This will brighten up the place and make it appear bigger. This effect can also be achieved by painting horizontal, different-coloured stripes.
- A coloured accent or highlighted wall can be used to create the illusion of space and depth in a small room. It can also draw attention to a furniture item in front of the wall as well as break the monotony of a large space.
- In children's rooms, choose bright colours such as green. These will give a happy, cheery feel and ensure that the occupants are visually stimulated.

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