



EASY BREEZY CHARM

Built upon a framework of smart space-planning strategies, this home sees fresh colours paired with low-key Asian elements.

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The owners of this terrace house on Mimosa Drive wanted, according to the design director of interior design firm Benjeemen Heng I.D., their home to reflect a contemporary theme infused with Asian elements. "Not only that, their brief was for the home to be streamlined, luxurious, easy to maintain and contain plenty of storage solutions," Benjeemen Heng says. "We also took into consideration their feng shui requirements. The colour scheme and furnishings were chosen to tie in with these requirements."

GOING FOR GLOW

Benjeemen drew up a foyer separated from the rest of the house. The homeowners also wanted a piece made of onyx at the front of the house, and it comes in the form of a lit up stone stand.

Beyond the foyer, the living space is an example of a breezy, modern contemporary home. Keeping things simple and timeless, the design team helped the family realise a comfortable arrangement. A long wooden console keeps paraphernalia neatly hidden while a plush custom-made sofa in a bright green hue offers a pop of colour among the neutral-coloured space.

A NEW PLAN

Given that the master bedroom is to house both the bed and a wardrobe, Benjeemen planned it such that the two spaces are clearly demarcated. But first, he repositioned the door of the master bedroom to accommodate the wardrobe. With that done, a curved partition has been installed to separate the bed area from the wardrobe, which proves to be a clever strategy. With the partition, a television has been mounted on one side and a vanity table on the other even as it makes the room appear spacious and uncluttered.

“Every inch of this space has been carefully designed with dual purposes, if not more,” Benjeemen shares. What appears to be the headboard in the master bedroom is actually hidden storage space for the homeowners’ bed linens and other soft furnishings. A niche for accessories in the headboard has been given a coat of blue paint as well.

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STOCK OPTIONS

One room has been converted into a study, complete with closed and open storage space, with personal documents to be kept hidden in the former and books in the latter. Like every space in the rest of the house, this bright and airy space gets a jolt of colour through the blue backing of one of the open shelves.

Upstairs, a balcony is the perfect spot for taking in the open breeze. With decking underfoot, a large wooden table and surrounded by greenery, it is where they can enjoy alfresco dining while watching the sun set. **115**



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