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Planter boxes provide privacy, yet allow light to still enter the apartment.



The dining area's earthy palette complements the greenery outside.



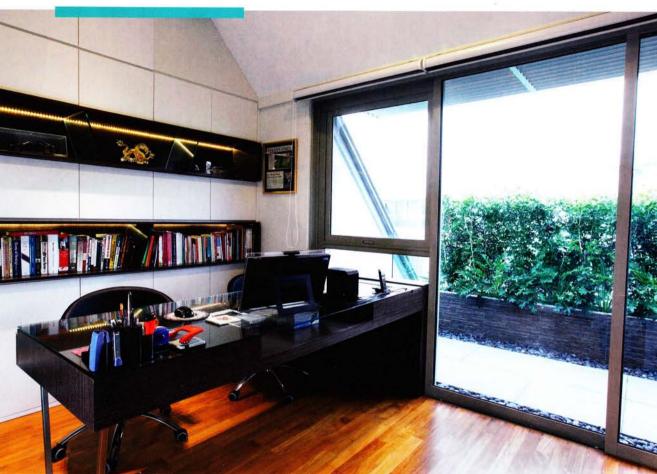
HOME PENTHOUSE APARTMENT IN THE WEST COAST AREA

SIZE 2,797 SQF

The young couple who owns this penthouse apartment in the west were keen to settle down in their new home with their newborn baby, and were happy to leave the design and renovations to the team at Arte Living. The husband's only request was a lounge in which he could kick back and relax. The designers decided to do away with one bedroom behind the dining room in order to accommodate this. To demarcate this niche, he built a bench set in a frame clad in contrasting walnut veneer, laid down a dark engineered wood flooring, and created a feature wall of black quartz stone. Lounge style wicker seats complete the hangout space.

With "modern" and "cosy" as the key design elements, the designers included cove lighting and downlights throughout the apartment to cast a warm glow over the space. The master bedroom is kept simple, with soft cream textured wallpaper, a custom-designed cushioned headboard, and veneer-clad platform bed. The sliding panels of the existing built-in wardrobe was originally mirrored, but the couple weren't comfortable with all that reflection in the room. To remedy this, the designers overlaid the panels with frosted stickers, maintaining an air of translucency and spaciousness in the room.

ABOVE Streamlined furniture augments the living room's spaciousness. A mix of concealed and open storage keeps this home neat.



LEFT
There is plenty
of storage in the
study, with fullheight cabinets
that reach up to
the ceiling.

BOTTOM LEFT Frosted wardrobe panels lend their translucent effect to the master bedroom.

BOTTOM RIGHT This customdesigned his-andher study desk in black veneer is a stately yet functional piece.









The study room showcases the firm's knack for incorporating sleek storage to fully maximise a space. A mix of concealed and open shelving and cabinets were built against an entire wall, up to the ceiling. Cupboard doors clad in a white leather-look finish keep the room light and bright, while open shelves are lined in black veneer and separated by glass for chic contrast. This leaves room for a long and deep custom-designed desk (clad in matching black veneer), specially built for two.



A newly decked balcony brings a slice of the outdoors onto the premises.

HOME APARTMENT IN THE SENGKANG AREA

SIZE 1,184 SQF

With two growing kids, the homeowners of this Rivervale apartment naturally wanted a place that was "simple" and required "minimum maintenance". Here, the design firm once again displayed its strength in creating a spacious, clutter-free abode with plenty of smart, hidden storage and a timeless design.

The living area is kept especially sleek – from a console-free TV station with all cables hidden within a wallpaper-clad feature wall, to a row of flush, glossy white cantilevered cupboards stretched along the living and dining room walls. These cupboards disguise the entrance to the storeroom, too, with an open display niche doubling as a "door handle" that swings open to reveal the storeroom. Likewise, the study-and-guest room sees more smartly designed customised storage. Below a row of drawers is a pull-out bed for the owner's parents when they stay over. Slim wall-to-wall bookshelves and desk add to the functionality of the room.

The kitchen is similarly sleek. As the wife likes an all-white cooking space, the designers used white, glossy laminate for the cupboards. This material, along with the durable quartz countertop, is "surprisingly easy to maintain," say the design duo.





RIGHT Full glass balcony doors allow natural light into the apartment.

An all-white scheme and sleek cabinets keep the kitchen looking modern and spacious.





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COMPANY PROFILE

Arte Living Design Studio applies a personal touch in creating timeless, spacious homes with smart storage and classic looks. The firm's clients are often repeat customers who have come to rely on the designers' project management skills, affordable solutions and personable service to create comfortable, clutter-free dwelling spaces.