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**COMPANY PROFILE** Well-known for its knack for carving out neat storage solutions in the home, the eight-year-old design studio continues to build on its reputation of offering dependable, personable service.

## ARTE LIVING DESIGN STUDIO

### STRENGTH

"We carve out smart storage spaces even in the most compact of homes."



### HOME

Two-bedroom condominium unit  
along Upper East Coast Road

### SIZE

1,000SQF



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- 1 The wall between the study and living room was taken down to expand the living space.
- 2 The study, which has a large display shelf, now adds colour and detail to the living room.
- 3 To keep to the monochromatic theme of the home, the furnishings are mostly in black.

This bachelor wanted a no-frills design for his new pad – just a spacious and uncluttered home. With this simple brief to Carine Leong from Arte Living Design Studio, she was given full rein to design the homeowner's two-bedroom apartment.

Carine worked with existing features such as bay windows in the living room and bedrooms, and a glass window strip which allows guests a peek into the kitchen. She opted for a simple monochromatic colour palette that would reflect the elegant simplicity of the interiors. Kept extremely bare, the walls were painted white, save for two large display niches along the entrance hallway. Built within a false wall, these ▶



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4 A dark-wood wall feature not only decorates the dining area, but also breaks the monochromatic monotony of the space.

shallow square ledges are accentuated by dark grey backgrounds that contrast with the items displayed on the ledges.

The owner had requested a spacious living area and, as he is the only occupant of the flat, Carine suggested that he take down the wall between the living room and the second bedroom. Doing this brightened up the small room which the homeowner used as a study area, and exposes the floor-to-ceiling, wall-to-wall shelf to the living area, adding some colour to the space through

the items displayed. To zone the different areas of the expanded living area, Carine kept the timber floor of the bedroom, while the segue to the living area is subtly signalled by marble flooring.

To keep to the monochromatic theme, the furnishings – such as the furniture and even the Haiku ceiling fan – are black. Much like the living room, the master bedroom was kept simple and bare, with the only adornment being an industrial-style wooden bench at the foot of the bed. ■

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A SIMPLE, MONOCHROMATIC COLOUR PALETTE WAS USED TO REFLECT THE ELEGANT SIMPLICITY OF THE INTERIORS.

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5 The simple furnishings do not overwhelm the home's view from the full-length windows.

6 Purely for rest, the master bedroom houses only a bed, an industrial-style bench and a stool.