

THE FOUR COMPONENTS OF CARPENTRY YOU SHOULD KNOW

Do you know what goes into making those customised shelves and cabinets in your home?

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Almost every home has a custom-made shelving unit or cupboard. Just look at the TV console, the cabinets in your kitchen, or the wardrobe in your bedroom. What goes into each piece and how can we ensure that our customised carpentry pieces will turn out the way we envision? For peace of mind during renovation, Lucas Yang, Director of Archive Design tells us what we should look out for – the four key components that could either make or break the design of your customised carpentry.





STRUCTURE

The structure comprises the shape and dimensions of the piece to be built. To get the structure right, the designer must first understand the needs of the user. Homeowners and their interior designer must communicate with each other to come up with a structure that would suit the homeowners' lifestyles. Secondly, measurements are very important to ensure that the piece fits the spatial layout of the house.

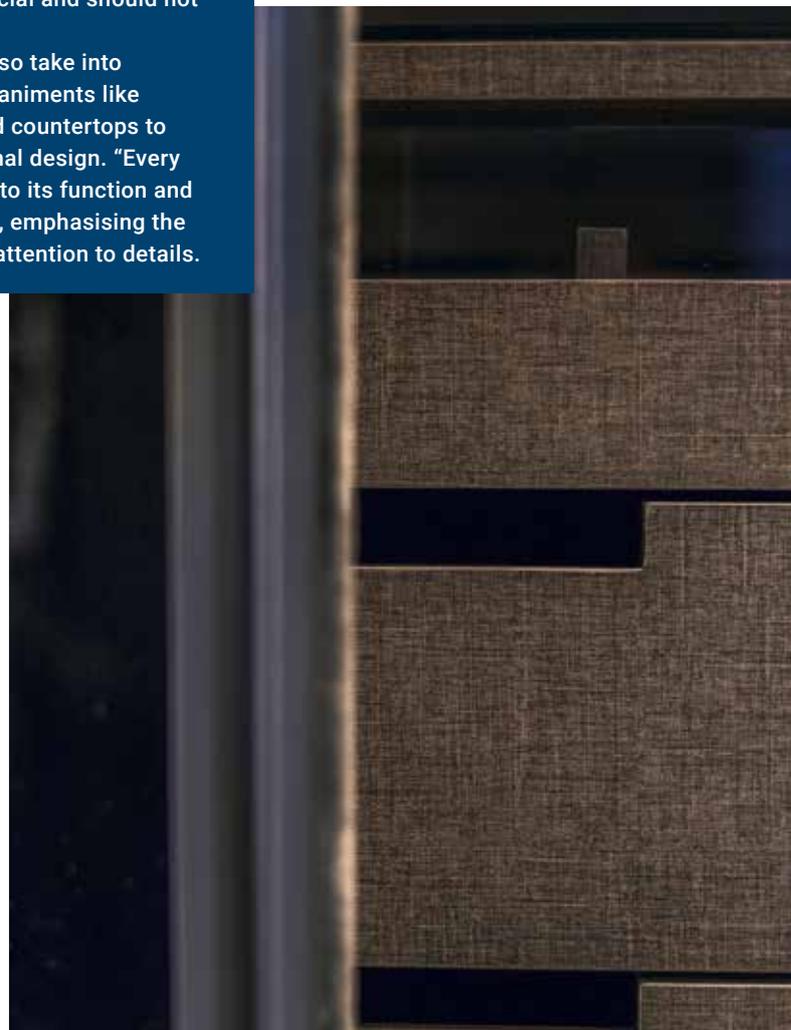
According to Lucas, "Spatial planning plays an extremely large role in the flow of the home. We combine spatial plans and homeowner's lifestyle to attain our mould of the carpentry structural carcass." When the structure is finalised, the designer can then focus on the other key components of carpentry.



DETAILING

Throughout the entire process from start to finish, taking note of details is essential to creating a piece that looks beautiful in and out. "This is where material choice comes into focus," says Lucas. "Details such as the thickness of wood, laminate joint lines and matching laminate patterns, are also extremely crucial and should not be overlooked."

The designer will also take into consideration accompaniments like mirrors, dish racks and countertops to incorporate into the final design. "Every single detail is crucial to its function and aesthetic," adds Lucas, emphasising the importance of paying attention to details.

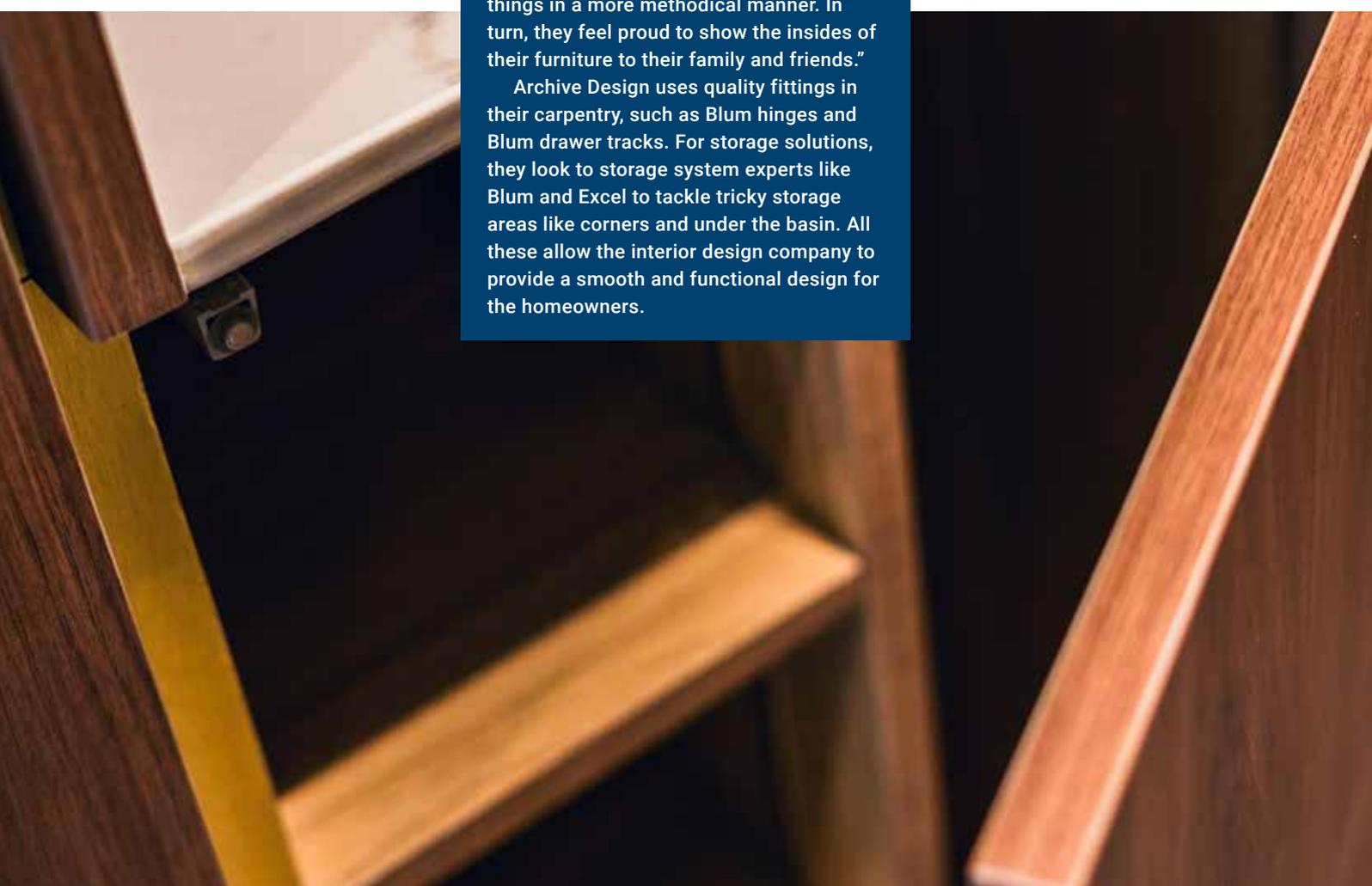




INTERNAL BEAUTY

Lucas uses the term “internal beauty” to refer to the materials, colours, and mechanism in the carpentry piece that are not seen when the doors are closed. He explains, “We strongly believe the colour on the inside affects the overall user experience. An elegant finish inside actually encourages homeowners to store things in a more methodical manner. In turn, they feel proud to show the insides of their furniture to their family and friends.”

Archive Design uses quality fittings in their carpentry, such as Blum hinges and Blum drawer tracks. For storage solutions, they look to storage system experts like Blum and Excel to tackle tricky storage areas like corners and under the basin. All these allow the interior design company to provide a smooth and functional design for the homeowners.





FINISHES

“Think of the finishes of a carpentry as what you would of cosmetics,” says Lucas. The finishes give your customised carpentry piece a polished look, make it stand out, and make your home look different from others.

On top of using premium laminates, unique finishes can be achieved with hand cut grooves in different patterns of herringbone, chevrons or fluted lines. Embellishments such as handles, knobs, mirrors and glass can also be added to give the carpentry a creative touch.

ARCHIVE DESIGN

Established in 2016, Archive Design believes that simplicity and clarity is the definition of every good design. The small but mighty interior design firm has created hundreds of beautiful homes that express quality craft, character and creativity. As such, Archive Design offers carpentry services in addition to interior design. From concept to implementation, the team at Archive Design work in an intimate and personalised style because they know that every home has a different story to tell.



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