

Project type:
2-bedroom
condominium unit

Floor area:
757sqft

AIRY LIVING IN A COMPACT APARTMENT

Archive Design applies a palette of light hues while ensuring all the owners' storage needs are met.

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Artful reflections

This two-bedder exudes an airy and open feel thanks to its many windows. "The owners desired lots of storage, yet wanted to retain the openness of the space," says Lucas Yang of Archive Design. Although the dining area isn't spacious, Lucas managed to build a tall unit here and storage cabinets by the window to house the meter box, shoes, modem and other household items. The former is clad with mirrors to reflect light and give the illusion of space.



Love of grey

The living area is the hub of the home. Here, the couple unwinds together or with extended family and friends. For a relaxing vibe, Lucas introduced soft grey, a colour that the couple loves, to the living area. The grey television feature wall is embellished with brass insets for an understated highlight. A niche is built into the wall while the television is mounted on the wall. Measures like these free up floor space to allow for comfort while moving about in a small home.





Keeping it pristine

Instead of having an open-concept kitchen, the couple chose to have it closed off. Past the dark-framed glass door, the kitchen's white palette makes the narrow space feel open. "The marble tiles have been manipulated to the size of subway tiles," Lucas explains, referring to the backsplash. "To echo the living area feature wall, I've included brass insets between each tile." For easy maintenance, the worktop is composed of Seasonstone quartz surface.



Comfort and luxury

Although the bathroom is also small, Lucas was able to accommodate several features to make it a comfortable space. The vanity has been customised to include a drying rack below, so the homeowners have a dedicated spot to keep dry towels. The designer also used large format tiles from riceLAB and a big mirror to expand the space visually while elevating the sense of luxury. Hidden lighting behind the mirror adds depth and warmth to the setting.



Double duty

In this bedroom, the designer converted the bay window into a space for leisure and work (an integrated pull-out table functions as a study table). Plenty of storage has been incorporated here, from a full-height wardrobe to chests of drawers. A light palette for these custom solutions balances the warmth of the wood flooring in the room.



Sleep easy

Having created a workspace in the other room, Lucas kept the master bedroom simple and fuss-free. This area is dedicated to rest. The sliding glass door, which is similar in design to the kitchen door, separates the bedroom from the bathroom and helps to minimise noise and disturbance.



THE BRIEF

When dealing with a small space, homeowners naturally prioritise on making it as spacious as possible. Balancing this with their lifestyle needs is often a challenge. For this couple who call their compact two-bedroom apartment home, storage was important to them right from the start of the project. And to achieve that goal, the couple was open to transforming the space.

The apartment's many windows are a significant merit, but they also posed challenges to the design team. Says Lucas Yang of Archive Design: "This home has many large windows as well as bay windows, especially the rooms, which make it feel like a glass house." That said, the designers managed to work with these windows to create living spaces in line with the style, colour palette and openness the couple preferred.



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