

Project type:  
2-storey  
condominium unit

Floor area:  
1,500sqft

# CLEVER SOLUTIONS FOR PRACTICAL LIVING

With a sleek Scandinavian style in mind, Archive Design put together a pristine colour palette and streamlined design measures, for a spacious and practical living space.

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## Make room

There was limited storage space in this condominium unit, so Director Lucas Yang from Archive Design was inspired to carve out more storage out of less. He says: "We exploited the space beneath the stairs to store shoes and home appliances." The electrical box and Internet devices are also cleverly concealed within this previously underutilised area, which is now fronted by mirrors. For easy accessibility, the entire storage system is placed on sliding tracks.



## Refreshed palette

To complement the existing open-concept kitchen, Lucas reconfigured the layout to a U-shaped cookspace, which sees the integration of the counters with the dining table. He then employed Dekton Halo surfaces from Cosentino for the countertops. The gorgeous, natural sheen of these worktops highlights the abundance of daylight. "We were aiming for a direct and neat expression of the minimalist Scandinavian style," Lucas reveals.



## Freshly pressed

Besides cooking, the homeowners enjoy having daily juices so their kitchen had to be able to accommodate fresh produce. "They requested for four drawers to store fruits and vegetables for their daily juicing needs," says Lucas. That led him to conceptualise semi-open drawers which resemble crates. The openings also allow the homeowners to see what produce they have at a quick glance.







#### THE BRIEF

Home to a mother and daughter, and their pet dog, the homeowners wanted a Scandinavian style with a clean colour palette of white and warm woodgrain tones. To pull off their dream theme, Lucas Yang from Archive Design used light woodgrain textures coupled with lustrous surfaces for a spacious and cosy Nordic style.

Other than sleek aesthetics, Lucas worked in clever design measures by concealing the entrances to common utility rooms to reduce visual clutter. He also utilised the Blum TIP-ON systems to minimise the gap between cabinet doors for a more seamless finish.



#### Functional feature

Wood strips cover an entire wall in the living space for added visual interest. These custom-made strips were lined piece by piece on the wall and besides working in a clean-lined Scandinavian style, their other purpose is to reduce visual clutter. "Hidden behind this extensive feature wall are the entrances to the household shelter, utility bathroom and laundry room," reveals Lucas.



#### Small but savvy

One of the hidden swing doors lead to the laundry room. Thoughtful custom-built features such as an individual unit to house the washer and an attached ironing board save on floor space in this tiny area. Lucas also included ample tabletop space and a metal hanging rod to enhance the user experience of this laundry room.



#### Matching ensemble

Even though the master bedroom is on the upper floor, it does not lose the visual connection with the lower level. Lucas has established design uniformity with a similar material palette of woodgrain laminate panels lined with wooden strips. It has been applied for the feature wall and to complete the setup, the headboard, bedframe and bedside tables have all been custom built.



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