

Project type: 4-bedroom two-storey condominium | Floor area: 3,111 sqft

A FAMILY HOME THAT COMBINES OLD AND NEW

Integrating existing furniture into a new home requires skill, and D' Initial Concept rose to the challenge. The team took its cue for the new custom furnishings from the homeowners' much-loved pieces – and the result is a lively home with character-imbued spaces.

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Cosy dining

Timber strips make an appearance in the dining area, for both practical and aesthetic reasons. A void above leaves the area feeling too open, and the team needed a way to install lights. With the timber strips, they could house downlights and a ceiling fan. Here, custom-made banquette seating with storage complements the wood furniture pieces. In all, it exudes a welcoming vibe.



Twice the size

With large windows and a pool to one side, the double-volume living area is a bright and impressive space. That might sound great, but it also posed a challenge: there wasn't a space for the television. So, the team conceptualised a design feature made up of timber strips. The wood finish works with the owners' existing furniture; many of them are solid wood. Together with the plants behind, the strips tie in the modern resort feel that the homeowners wanted.



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A shoe-in

Blending the homeowners' existing furniture into the design of the new home required thinking out of the box. Styles can vary, and positioning the pieces with function and form in mind required extensive planning. Here, a slatted bench finds a spot near the entrance, but the design team aimed to do more. They took inspiration from the bench's slats to create a storage wall, with space for shoes. The black accents match seamlessly with the gate as well.



Entertainment room

The family of four loves watching films, and a dedicated room where they could enjoy an immersive experience was a must. This room, furnished with a spiffy audio-visual system and a giant screen, is where they relax together as a family.



Desk with a view

The spacious master bedroom allows for a separate sleeping area, wardrobe and desk. But space planning was tricky. Like the other areas in the apartment, a long stretch of windows in the bedroom means less vertical surface area. The designers therefore decided to place the desk in front of the window for a more efficient use of space. This provided a study for two, complete with drawer space.



Artful design

Aside from the key furnishings in the master bedroom, the homeowners had a special request. While they wanted to integrate their existing furniture into the home, they also wanted new custom designs. D' Initial Concept customised a sideboard, in particular, for the couple. Drawers vary in size while its geometric colour blocking brings to mind Dutch painter Piet Mondrian's De Stijl artworks.



THE BRIEF

Designing a client's home from scratch often means a clean slate. But when it isn't a client's first home, amassed furniture and accessories that hold sentimental value from over the years could come into the picture. In this case, the homeowners' existing collection includes a sofa, dining set, bench and sideboards.

D' Initial Concept was tasked with integrating the old furnishings, as well as new ones, into the space. The home's many glass panels and windows, often full-height and in long stretches, also posed a challenge. The designers came up with a host of solutions that aid the spatial flow, without the home losing its natural light and sense of openness.



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