

**MOODBOARD** The material palette is made up of woody textures that bring warmth to this polished home.



**Wall**  
Paint and wainscoting



**TV Feature Wall**  
Wood strips



**Kitchen Flooring**  
Vinyl



Project type: 4-room HDB flat | Floor area: 1,100 sqft

## A PRACTICAL DESIGN WITH FLOURISHES OF ELEGANCE

Designer Ashley Loh was tasked to come up with a distinctive design for this 4-room HDB flat. Drawing inspiration from the colonial English look, she created spaces that are remarkably stylish yet fully practical for the homeowner and his mother.

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### Space-saving dining corner

Widening the entrance to the kitchen creates a more natural flow of light and space. A light-coloured neutral palette maintains the bright and open feel of this open-concept kitchen. A beautiful combination of black quartz countertops and a mosaic tile backsplash adds to the sophisticated atmosphere. The designer also customised a built-in dining table using a cantilevered top that accentuates the open flow of space.



### Immaculate living

To create a living room that looks classy and spacious, Ashley knocked down the walls that had enclosed the kitchen, leaving an open-concept space comprising the living, dining and cooking areas. The false ceiling was painted grey and decorated with mouldings, while wainscoting was added to the walls, lending to the elegant mood of this space.



### Colonial aesthetic

The entrance to this bathroom was relocated to another side so that the shower area can be enclosed with clear glass screens. Homogeneous tiles with a marble looklike finish make up the feature wall in this space. To dress it up with a visually arresting design, Ashley constructed rows of false ceiling painted black to resemble wooden beams from the colonial era.



### More than meets the eye

Since the homeowner works from home at times, he needed his bedroom to be a flexible space that can easily transform from workspace to restful sanctuary. Ashley constructed cabinetry with a pull-down bed that can be stowed away during the day, leaving him with more legroom to work and move about. Customised louvered panels conceal the air-conditioner, creating a clean and neat look suitable for work and rest.

