

Project type:  
4-bedroom  
cluster house

Floor area:  
3,671sqft

## SHAPING A HOME

Often, a new home might not present the ideal space for its owners, and this could happen no matter the size. This cluster house, for instance, may offer plenty of double-volume spaces, but reconfiguration was key to making it the perfect home. See how D' Initial Concept transforms the living spaces to cater to the needs of a three-generation family.

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### RENDERING



#### Bedroom + Study

This rendering shows exactly how D' Initial Concept has maximised a high-ceilinged room by building in a study and loft space.



#### Master Bedroom

The design proposal of a cosy loft space in the double-volume master bedroom has been beautifully brought to life (see next page).



#### Neutral ground

"In terms of style, the owners wanted something nice yet practical," says designer Ashley Loh of D' Initial Concept. In the living area where the family spends time together, a neutral palette communicates the relaxed feel they wanted. Much of the space has been pared down, with texture subtly imbued via a stucco wall. Here, wood-patterned walls take the spotlight without standing out too much from the rest of the space.



#### Timeless taste

The dining zone is situated next to the living area. To aid movement within the space, Ashley placed the dining furniture close to the wall. Mirror panels clad the wall, opening up the space visually. The area sits near the dry kitchen, which is fronted by a long counter. Furnishings such as the black chairs and the ceiling-mounted shelves tie the two spaces together. In all, the combination of white, black and brown hues ensures a timeless look.





#### Sensuous mood

The house comes with four floors and a basement. Of the four bedrooms, two are double-volume spaces with a ceiling height that reaches almost seven metres. Wanting to take full advantage of this feature, the owners opted for loft spaces in both. Even then, the master bedroom manages to retain its voluminous feel. "We went with a dark palette to bring the sense of luxury into the space," Ashley says.



#### Sumptuous storage

The master bedroom is connected to a roomy study area that links to the walk-in wardrobe. With plenty of space to work with here, the owners had requested for more storage. Cupboards and shelves now line one wall, while drawers provide room for other storage needs. This area can be closed off from the sleeping area with glass sliding doors, which helps to improve air-conditioning efficiency.



#### Practical magic

(Far right) What was formerly an awkward corner in another bedroom had been transformed into a study area. Overhead cabinets provide storage space, while a slim table is sufficient for working with a laptop. The space benefits from specially fitted lighting. At one end, a staircase leads to the loft above.



#### THE BRIEF

Every homeowner regards spaces with a high ceiling differently. Some love to retain the openness of the space while others prefer to make full use of it for other purposes. The owners of this home have opted to have loft spaces built into two bedrooms, which effectively extends the functional areas in both rooms.

For instance, a study area tucked away from the sleeping quarters helps in minimising disturbance to one partner as the other catches up on work in the study or loft area late at night. As for the third double-volume space in this home (the living area), the owners opted to retain its high ceiling. Several tight spaces required detailed planning, which D' Initial Concept pulled off expertly.



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