

LOOKBOX LIVING

The ultimate blueprint for a well-designed life

HOMES UNDER 750SQFT

TINY SPACES WITH *BIG* *CHARACTER*



THE MINIMALIST LIFE

The joy of living well
with less

SMALL SPACE IDEAS

Brilliant solutions for
all rooms in the house





Project type:
3-bedroom executive
condominium unit

Floor area:
1,000sqft

REINVENTING MULTIGENERATIONAL LIVING

With a combination of geometric elements and a light wood palette, Design of Schatz has given this compact three-generational family home an unconventional, Scandi-style makeover.

TEXT ANGELA LOW



Muted tones

Pastel hues, intermingled with the apartment's neutral palette, lend a pop of colour to the understated living room without straying too far from the modern, Scandinavian-inspired theme. A pale green accent wall zones the dining area, while a matching couch and ottoman in baby blue spruces up the entertainment space.



Geometric highlights

Instead of a cookie-cutter TV feature wall, the designers opted for a geometric design that looks like it's made out of two separate components. Furthermore, it hides the TV cables and includes a lighting feature that cuts diagonally across the main panel. The result is a three-dimensional statement wall that adds visual depth to the simple space.



Copious storage

A major request the homeowners had was for more storage space. To that end, the designers constructed a mammoth, floor-to-ceiling, eight-door cabinet, which spans nearly half the length of the living room. Bronzed-tinted mirror strips add a touch of luxury to the design, while creating visual variety against a light wood backdrop with diagonal groove lines. A mirrored corner beside the cabinet is built at a slight angle to keep the walkway from the entrance free.





THE BRIEF

At 1,000sqft, this condominium would be considered compact for any regular family. For this three-generation household of seven, it's even more of a challenge. Besides spatial limitations, designers Json Er and Kay Goo of Design of Schatz had to factor in the homeowners' need for ample storage space, and their preference for modern, Scandinavian design and a pastel colour palette.

Following a six-week overhaul, the apartment now has bespoke carpentry with multi-functional features. Besides combining functionality with an unconventional style, these custom designs also make great use of the vertical space available. A light colour scheme keeps the interiors visually open. At the same time, geometric wall panels and oblique lines inject a touch of whimsicality to the space, setting this abode apart from a typical Scandi-style home.



Contrasting textures

(Far left) Besides their request for a Scandinavian-themed apartment, the homeowners wanted to incorporate some industrial influences as well. Acceding to that request, the designers introduced a concrete-like feature wall with geometric groove lines in the master bedroom – a cool contrast to the warmth of the light wood floors and features that dominate the rest of the room.



Space-efficiency

Thanks to the light colour scheme and multi-functional furniture pieces, the designers have managed to preserve the sense of openness in the master bedroom, while fitting in a workstation and TV console. Framed by subtle wood strips, the feature wall stands out without being imposing. Meanwhile, the custom bed frame comes with additional storage compartments underneath.



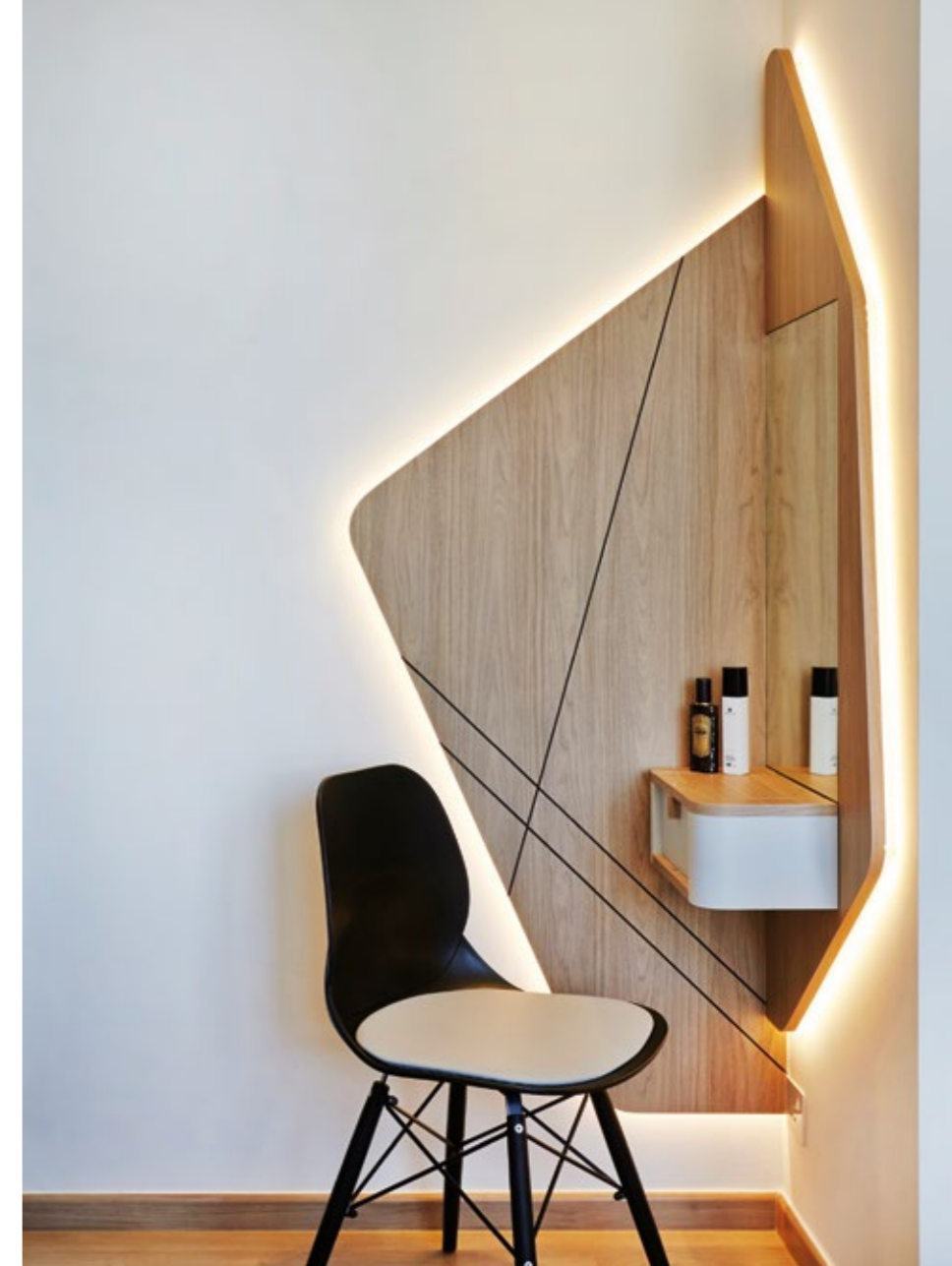
Lofty elements

To accommodate two kids comfortably in one room, the designers created a custom-designed loft bed with open shelves to display plush toys. Not only does it introduce an element of fun for the children, the bed's thin silhouette gives it a light and airy appearance that works well in the compact space.



Vanity corner

In place of an actual dressing table is a vanity nook – a clever, space-saving design with a built-in mirror and cantilevered drawer that also serves as an unconventional statement piece in the master bedroom. Warm backlighting draws the eye to the asymmetrical wall panels, which zone the area without taking up any space.



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