

Project type:
5-room HDB flat
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Floor area:
1,184sqft

IN FRENCH STYLE

Design of Schatz brings the sophisticated aesthetic of French interior design into a flat that’s made for hosting and cosy days in.

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The sophistication and elegance of classic French interiors has been brought into this flat in the form of ornate cornices, wood panelling and cabinetry trimming.



French chic

In response to the client’s love for French-inspired design, Json Er of Design of Schatz has brought the sophistication and elegance of classic French interiors into this HDB flat. The aesthetic dominates the entire home, with details like ornate cornices, wood panelling, cabinetry with trims, ambient lighting and an overall muted colour palette in neutral tones.



Cosy corners

While the original flat was dated and bare, the new design places a lot of emphasis on soft textures and ambient lighting to bring a balance of comfort and elegance to the home. To encourage a feeling of openness and connectivity between different spaces, Json used customised wooden lattice glass frames to maintain transparency and give the home more personality.



Good host

The dining area with custom bench seating is the ideal cosy spot for intimate gatherings. A pantry has been designed next to it, and provides the convenience of having food and drinks within easy reach. The pantry cabinet also has rattan weaving that breaks up the monotony of grey hues and gives the space texture.



For all occasions

The study features a cosy reading corner that looks out to the pantry and dining area. Json replaced the original study door with a customised lattice glass panel door to amplify the transparency and allow the ambient light to spill into the room. Benefitting from this transparency to the outside social spaces to bring liveliness in during guest visits, the room provides versatile arrangements as a work space or a projection room for social occasions or nights in.





Warm respite

In the master bedroom, Json opted for warmer tones with the use of taupe on the wardrobes and wood-textured vinyl flooring to create a more welcoming and cosy ambience that soothes and relaxes after a long day's work. Another aim here was to maximise space usage and allow the homeowner to fully enjoy the open-plan bedroom.

THE BRIEF

For the client who is an online fashion business owner, a chic interior upgrade of her five-room flat was an absolute must. Json Er of Design of Schatz worked with her to envision a neutral-toned, French-inspired home that ticked off the requirements for spaces that enabled frequent hosting and socialising.

Aiming to create an open-concept home, Json used glass-panelled windows and doors to achieve visual connections between different rooms. While the client could not have her request of having an island in the kitchen fulfilled due to space limitations, Json surprised her with an island vanity in the master bedroom that gave her most personal space a feel of sophisticated grandeur so characteristic of classic French interiors.



Country leanings

While small, the kitchen features an efficient layout with a washing machine tucked away into an alcove by the window. Simplified trimmings on cabinet doors and neutral colours subtly evoke the feel of French country kitchens.



Soft touch

In the common bathroom, neutral white and grey hues accentuate the gold fittings and fixtures. The use of the rattan weave on the cabinet fronts and mirror once again gives the space a softer touch, and serves as a contrast to the other materials.



Small luxuries

A double-leaf wood French door provides a stylish entry point to the kitchen, while separating it from the public areas of the home. A touch of brass in details like door handles and wall lights provides subtle glamour even to the transitional zones and corridors of the home.



Island vanity

Instead of splitting the bedroom and dressing area into two dedicated zones, Json kept the room open and separated the functions by integrating an island-concept vanity table that doubles up as a television wall on the other side.



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