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# feline priorities



**Space:** 4-room HDB flat

**Size:** 1,011 sq ft

**Location:** Fernvale Road

**Home To:** A young couple  
with cats

**Designer:** Don Wong from  
Lush Interior Design

**Reno Period:** Eight weeks

**Budget:** \$50K

**Both working as game designers, these newlyweds had two priorities for their space: a conducive work-from-home environment and a little something special for their beloved cats.**

Initially, the couple didn't have much in mind for their home. "They asked me if I could redo the flooring and help design the main bedroom," shares Don Wong, the designer helping the project at Lush Interior Design. Observing that their home wasn't serving their lifestyle needs beyond these few upgrades, he asked if they were open to other ideas, resulting in a holistic, cat-friendly space that will serve them well for many years to come.

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## **Living area**

In the living area, the designer had to get creative and figure out the best way to incorporate storage space cut without a traditional TV console. He ultimately settled on a vertical, wall-mounted unit with open shelving and a dynamic silhouette. The opposite wall is adorned with Scandi-style cat accessories, giving these furry friends plenty of room to play and rest without disrupting the home's pared-back aesthetic.



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## **Kitchen**

To accommodate the newlyweds' work-from-home lifestyle, the designer constructed an open kitchen with an island, giving them a place to enjoy their meals without crowding the small apartment with a bulky dining area. He also advised them to forgo the old top cabinets and streamline the kitchen with EDL base cabinets only; this makes for a brighter, airier space and works for their minimal storage needs.

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## **Home office**

Since both homeowners work as game designers, they couldn't compromise on the home office, requiring a large, powerful setup and a conducive work environment. The designer suggested turning the main bedroom into a work area, maximising the existing bay window as a place for the cats to lounge and lend the couple some joy during long working hours. To minimise maintenance, the striking workstation was crafted using anti-fingerprint VERO NERO laminates from Keminate.





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### **Bathroom**

Another space for the cats to keep the newlyweds company, the bathroom was fitted out with a hidey-hole fronting the vanity cabinet and conveniently leading to a concealed litter box. The bathroom was kept much darker than the rest of the home, with marble-look tiles from Lian Seng Hin evoking a restful, moody ambience while a textured sink from Bath Elements rounds off the look.

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### **Bedroom**

Originally the common bedroom, the main suite is small but still plenty spacious for the minimalist couple. To make the most of the available square footage, a bedside table was carved directly into the wardrobe—a space for storage or maybe for one of the cats to join the homeowners for a good night's sleep. The bedroom is also cleverly connected to the home office through a sliding door, concealed by the full-height wardrobe for a more seamless look.



# traditional meets modern



**Space:** [Executive HDB flat](#)  
**Size:** [1,480 sq ft](#)  
**Location:** [Tampines](#)  
**Home To:** [A family of five](#)  
**Designer:** [Zach Lim from Lush Interior Design](#)  
**Reno Period:** [Eight weeks](#)  
**Budget:** [\\$80K](#)

**This executive HDB flat was given a minimalist makeover with a traditional spin and plenty of breathing room for the family of five.**

Minimalism is not easy to achieve when you have a large family, but these homeowners dreamed big when they engaged Zach Lim from Lush Interior Design for their renovation. They weren't let down either—the designer achieved a spacious layout with an airy, predominantly white palette, classic accents to break up any monotony and plenty of storage space to keep clutter out of sight. He even managed to carve out an entertainment room and an open-concept kitchen, ticking the family's every box.

## key projects

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#### Overall view

This area exemplifies the meeting of modern minimalism and traditional styles, a large, classic leather sofa from Bless Brothers placed in an open-concept living room and fronting a decidedly modern feature wall with a fluted texture.

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#### Bathroom

Being a material that's characteristically retro yet also highly contemporary, terrazzo was the perfect choice for this bathroom, applied here in the form of sturdy tiles from Hafary. The fixtures and accessories were kept simple, instantly drawing the eye with a deep black finish that doesn't risk getting lost in the pattern.

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#### Kitchen

A specific request from the family, the white rattan door ended up inspiring the design for the entire flat, striking a balance between traditional and contemporary. Around the kitchen, the walls were knocked down to open up the space and let in plenty of light, further accentuated by the all-white colour palette and marbled backsplash from Cosentino. Finally, wooden accents were introduced to lend the kitchen some visual intrigue.





## ... Lush Interior Design

Combining interior consulting with space planning and personal shopping, the team behind Lush Interior Design aims to create thoughtful, liveable spaces that exude both creativity and functionality.

From cabinetry to countertops, flooring, lighting, wall paint, textiles and furniture, the designers work closely with their clients and industry partners to craft spaces that maximise practicality and aesthetic appeal.

Every project evokes a unique personality thanks to a mix of careful architectural detail and one-of-a-kind objects and accessories, curated to suit your individual needs and preferences.

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