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Different materials provide depth and texture when the colours are very similar, as in the grey marble backsplash and the grey cabinet surfaces in Aaron's kitchen.

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Above: Flowers by Witheverybloom, a local florist Aaron follows on Instagram, bring out the colours of the many framed artworks on the picture ledge of his dining area. Photography by Edward Hendricks



ed, Artistroom delivered beyond his expectations. y's so practical, in the sense that there are things I may not have considered at all, such as the placement of my utility appliances or the configuration of kitchen cabinets – and she would thoughtfully fill these gaps," Aaron says. "I also really appreciate she edited down my design aesthetic, which is heavily influenced by my past as an editor of a design publication and the current trends." Aaron shares that his style preferences lean towards the sleek, modernist of Italian design, but he has an eclectic collection of modern artefacts, and he also finds the urban industrial style appealing. "Katy was really good at filtering all the influences and picking out what would work."



Top: An aluminium-framed shelf partially separates the living area from Aaron's work area, and conceals the cables and set-top boxes for the entertainment system.

Above: The custom-designed vanity mirror has a special L-shaped light as Aaron wanted a modernised Hollywood-style light fixture. Artistroom took inspiration for the light's shape from the flat's beams.

Opposite: Black track lighting on the ceiling emphasises the main axis of the house and visually lengthens the open concept space. It also adds to the art gallery ambience of the house.



As guests step into Aaron's flat, they promptly get that it's HDB as they are transported into a characterful home that's easily reminiscent of Avenue apartments. Having knocked open one room, Aaron's home office looks out to the living area. Despite the black concrete screed floor and grey accent walls, the large artworks along the length of the living and dining area, and Aaron's many decorative objects, the flat looks spacious and airy. In fact the black concrete screed floor adds a depth to the small



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Knocking down non-load-bearing walls allowed Artistroom to create a more open layout despite the limitations of a 50-year-old flat. Now as the homeowner steps out of the bedroom, he is greeted by his beloved collection, rather than a wall.



"Clean-cut lines, textures, and colours that he loved were the foundations to create the style of the apartment, so that his furniture pieces or art works were able to stand out."

– Artistroom, designer



Above: Building a false wall – with a secret panel for access and maintenance of pipes – allowed Artistroom to create a condo-style shower and toilet enclosure.

Top: Orange and silver accents add bright spots to the cosy, cave-like feel of Aaron's grey-themed bedroom.



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Artistroom created the illusion of an en suite bathroom by converting the out-of-bathroom washbasin into a wash-and-vanity area leading from the master bedroom into the shower and toilet.



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Artistroom crafted a walk-in wardrobe for the master bedroom by claiming floor area from the bedroom that was opened up to create Aaron's workspace. Taking his constant traveling in consideration, they provided ample space for bags of different sizes.

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space that gives it a luxurious feel. The open-concept galley kitchen affords more floor area for a relaxed dining space, while the absence of the typical TV feature wall draws the eye to appreciate the seemingly additional width.

From the bedroom that was opened up, Artistroom reclaimed floor area to build a spacious walk-in wardrobe for the master bedroom. Rounding off the luxe treatment for the master bedroom, they designed direct access from it to the bathroom so that it feels like an en suite, while maintaining the common access from the utility yard to the bathroom (this way, if Aaron has guests but hasn't tidied up his sleep space, they won't have to go through his bedroom to use the toilet). To create the illusion that the

bathroom is a cohesive space, Artistroom reconfigured the placement of the shower, toilet and washbasin, concealing the pipes with a false wall that visually links the vanity and washbasin to the space.

The thoughtful space planning also carved out more function out of Aaron's utility yard: not only does he have storage and laundry space, but he has a small makeshift photo studio for his watch styling and shoot assignments, too.

Singing the praises for the magic that his interior designer created in his home, Aaron adds: "I am really happy to have found Artistroom through Lookbox Living."

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