

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 ement of my utility appliances or the configuration y kitchen cabinets - and she would thoughtfully 1 these gaps," Aaron says. "I also really appreciate she edited down my design aesthetic, which is ly influenced by my past as an editor of a design ication and the current trends." Aaron shares that tyle preferences lean towards the sleek, modernist of Italian design, but he has an eclectic collection of and artefacts, and he also finds the urban industrial d appealing. "Katy was really good at filtering all e influences and picking out what would work."

e guests step into Aaron's flat, they promptly et 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 n. Despite the black concrete screed floor and grey ent walls, the large artworks along the length of the ig and dining area, and Aaron's many decorative kets, the flat looks spacious and airy. In fact the k concrete screed floor adds a depth to the small



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 lighted mirror. Artistroom took inspiration for the light's shape from the flat's beams.

Opposite: Black tracklighting 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.



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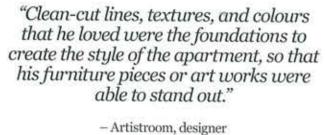
Above: Flowers by Witheverybloom, a local florist Aaron follows on Instagram, bring out the colours of the many framed artworks on the picture ledge of his dining area. Photography by







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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.

add bright spots to the cosy, cave-like feel of Aaron's grey-therned





DESIGN NOTES 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.

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

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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