



The laundry yard is alienated from the kitchen so visitors don't spot the piles of clothes.

GET THE LOOK



1. De'Longhi Icona Vintage, \$304.75, from HipVan. 2. Modu M Suspension Lamp, \$200, from HipVan. 3. Parma Violets floral measuring jug, \$39, from Laura Ashley. 4. Go-cart mint rolling desk, \$289, from CB2. 5. Marie Fleur dinner plate, \$46.95, from Villeroy & Boch. 6. Smeg refrigerator FAB28, \$2,780, from APS Gallery. 7. GAMLEBY chair, \$75, from IKEA.

BEST FOR FAMILIES

With a revised layout and a burst of pastel hues, this HUDC kitchen in Yishun serves a busy couple and their pet dog without breaking a sweat.

Hue Is It

Finding design inspiration for this kitchen was easy, says manager of interior design firm Artistroom Pte Ltd, Mark Chen: "The owners love Scandinavian influences for its wood elements, and how it references the '60s. So in with the mid-century vibe, I added some modernity and colours to complement their personalities." He put solid quartz in various colours on the island, countertop and floating shelves because it is so durable and easy to maintain: "You can chop meat on it and wipe away stubborn stains with a little detergent and water. Quartz also comes in all sorts of colours to suit your decor."

Seeing Light

"One end of the island is supported by a slim aluminum frame so it provides strong support and visual relief from solid cabinet legs," says Mark. In this kitchen, a warm neutral palette of wood and whites go a long way in helping a small space live large: "Minimising contrasts creates continuity, and metal accents lend sleek styling," Mark says.

Balance Storage

The kitchen offers a strategic mix of open and closed storage. Large cabinets beneath the island are ideal for discreetly stowing tableware and pantry supplies. In the work core, suspended open shelves create a chic display and an easily accessible home for condiments and the like.

Room To Go

The owners wanted the kitchen in their maisonette flat to better reflect their cosmopolitan lifestyle and give their pet dog more room to run. So Mark's first move: Knocking down the walls and study room on the first floor in favour of a larger, more open space. "An open concept kitchen would be ideal for the young owners who love to have friends over for baking parties," he says.

