

Project type
4-ROOM HDB RESALE

Floor area
968 SQFT

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Feature wall laminate from XX XXX

Wall paint from XX XX

Over the years, the tropical resort style that still has so many homeowners enamoured has evolved. Initially, dark Balinese woods and heavy carvings were all the rage as homeowners and designers tried to emulate the lush resorts they had visited. Slowly, however, the look has been pared back and refined to suit the modest confines of most Singapore apartments. This particular HDB flat is a clear example of how tropical influences can still play a part in a home interior without overwhelming.

“The idea was to create a largely contemporary looking space,” clarifies designer Ron Leow of Asialand, “and have tropical elements come in subtle bite-sized portions.” They were, after all, gunning not just for a look, but a general feel of warmth and ease.

MATERIAL MASH-UP

Much consideration went into the selection of the material and colour palette. Timber, creams and taupe all contribute to a sense of comfort within the house. Laminates also come into play in the form of storage joinery, such as the concealed storage that doubles up as a feature wall behind the TV console.

Ron adds that additional elements were designed specifically for the house, “Since the owners have a preference for the tropical style, we customised unique hand-carved wooden handles that we incorporated into sliding glass doors and even normal doors.” He even reveals



Tropical Contempo

THIS HDB FLAT BY ASIALAND GETS A MAKEOVER THAT BORROWS INFLUENCES FROM EASY, RESORT LIVING.



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Wallpaper from XX XX



Kitchen cabinet laminate from XX XXX

that the design team travelled all the way to Thailand to have these made. Undoubtedly, the mash-up of contemporary materials like glass and traditional craft works swimmingly well.

PRIVATE QUARTERS

The main highlight of the home has got to be the master suite. Made up of two bedrooms that Ron combined together, the master suite consists of three separate spaces: a sleeping area, a walk-in wardrobe and an attached bathroom, and a private sitting area that comes with a dressing area.

In particular, bold steps were taken in the sleeping area where the owners chose a wallpaper that features strong, abstract floral prints. This, however, is easily tempered by the soothing colours that were chosen for the floor and walls, and the decision to keep the rest of the bedroom spare. It is this careful consideration for balance and harmony that is evident throughout the home. ■

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