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**LEFT** Decorative wallpaper brings drama to the corridor while keeping with the urbane neutral-toned colour scheme. **RIGHT** A mirror patterned with floral decal stickers is a pretty way to add dimension to the dining room. **BELOW** The urbane black and white theme feels cosy when floral wallpaper and upholstery are lightly incorporated into the design.



# piece.of mind

No one understands the stress of renovating a home better than Gary Boo and Carine Leong, principal designers of Arte Living Design Studio, which cites ensuring peace of mind for its clients throughout the process as one of its philosophies. The firm, which works on private residential housing as well as commercial properties, has a recognisable style that features a spacious, classic clean-cut look.

An apt showcase of Arte Living Design Studio's signature style would be this contemporary three-bedroom Kensington Park apartment, where a couple in their 40s live with their teenage son and daughter. The interior sees an urbane colour scheme of mostly black and white, with chic glossy surfaces and uncluttered spaces. In the living room, the black glass feature wall hides storage units behind it. The sense of spaciousness is maintained with an open-concept kitchen that shuts out cooking smells with a full-length sliding glass door.

Warm touches infuse the flat with a homey feel. A floral wallpaper backdrop lends a slightly feminine touch to lacquer spray-painted shelves in the living room, for instance. Likewise, in the dining area, a wall clad in Victorian-inspired silver-and-white wallpaper and a customised framed mirror with similarly patterned decal stickers add push.





“AS A DESIGNER, YOU MUST HAVE PASSION AND TREAT EVERY HOUSE AS YOUR OWN.”

A neutral palette prevails in the living area, but lustrous wallpaper gives texture and warmth.



## simple living

For this three-storey semi-detached home on Neram Crescent where a family of four live, the challenge was to keep the design simple and modern, yet not leave it too minimalist and cold.

In the living area, the effect of crisp white walls and full-height glass panels covering the length of the room are softened by the generous use of lustrous wallpaper in subtle neutral shades. The feature wall in the living room is wrapped in black textured wallpaper and is illuminated from the sides and bottom with concealed lighting. A chandelier highlights the feature wall by casting a sparkly play of light and shadow, while the customised television console clad in mirrors adds a modern element.

To cater to the family's storage needs, the designers constructed a small storage room below the stairs. By wrapping the storeroom's door with the same wallpaper as its adjoining wall, they cleverly concealed it from guests. <sup>DS</sup>

**RIGHT** Minimal decor is needed when you have floor-to-ceiling glass panes offering a lovely natural backdrop of sky and foliage. **FAR RIGHT** The dark feature wall, coffee table and sofa are punctuated by bright red armchairs. **OPPOSITE** Arte Living Design Studio did the modern industrial-looking outdoors water feature in unfinished granite against a chengai trellis and solid sheet polycarbonate wall.

