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A MEETING OF MINDS

A CLOSE RAPPORT WITH THEIR CLIENTS HELPED THE DESIGNERS FROM LUXUR CREATE A HOME THAT THE OWNERS WERE MOST SATISFIED WITH.



It was the “good chemistry” Luxur shared with the homeowners that led to this project being a breeze to work on. The occupants, a couple in their late 30s, had come to Luxur asking for a renovation that channelled the relaxed feel of a resort. The only caveat was that they wanted to bring most of their existing furniture into their new 1,500sqf three-bedroom apartment in Joo Chiat Terrace. The designers got along so well with the couple that the end product didn't deviate very far from their original proposal.

As the homeowners take many holidays in Thailand, they brought pictures of Thai boutique hotels to show the design team. With these photographs in mind, Luxur proposed a colour palette that comprised earthy tones to “get away from the concrete of Singapore” as well as evoke a “relaxing feel of tropical, South-east Asian resorts.”

The false ceiling in the living room was removed to expose the high, loft-like ceiling uncommon in most apartments. Lightweight, wood-look fibre beams were installed across the ceiling to act as a design feature and also demarcate the living and dining areas.

Moving into the private areas, the master bedroom and second bedroom were joined into one large space. A portion of the dividing wall was left intact: this doubled as a concrete bed head and served as a “marker” to denote the original boundaries of the rooms. Luxur then moved the basin out of the small bathroom into the bedroom for a resort-type feel. Separate “his” and “hers” sinks and faucets were installed in an elongated vanity cabinet in dark walnut (no more fighting for the washbasin in the mornings!). The vanity cabinet is set against a red tiled wall and the entire unit serves as a visual feature, albeit a practical one.

However, when discussing the conversion of the third bedroom into a study, the husband confessed that he liked Scandinavian design. Luxur's designers proposed a mash-up of looks: they would use similar earthy and woody tones in customised Scandi-inspired furniture pieces. The result? Pine and grey-painted metal shelves and a veneer-clad table topped with glass. The designers and homeowners were both extremely happy with the end result: Today, the shelves are neatly filled with an eclectic collection of books, CDs, retro pieces and holiday souvenirs. For Luxur, it was another job well done, and yet another set of happy clients.

left The original kitchen walls were hacked to create a modern, open-plan look.

top Lightweight fibre material was used to craft the wood-like ceiling beams.

centre Two combined bedrooms make up the large master bedroom.

bottom Shelves and the table were custom-made to evoke a Scandinavian-look study room.