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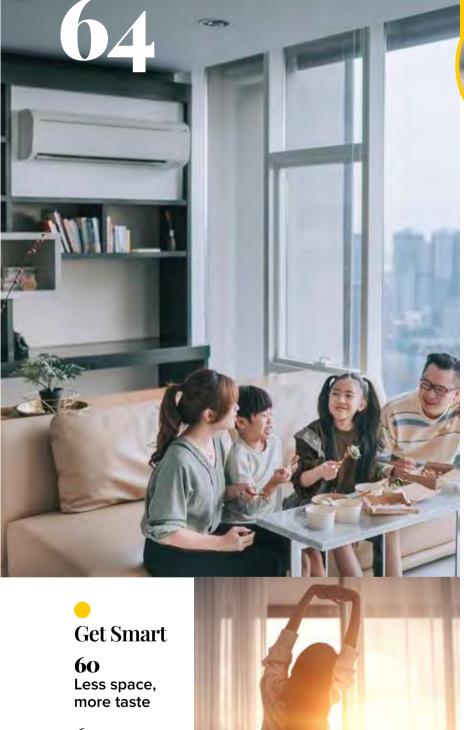
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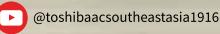
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or banker Angie, home is both a sanctuary and a space for connection. Living alone in her four-room HDB flat, she chose this location to stay close to her parents—near enough to care for them while still enjoying her own space. Her apartment features a modern French aesthetic with Peranakan touches, a departure from the stark minimalism of her previous Scandinavian-inspired home. Since she doesn't need three bedrooms, she transformed them into an airy living and dining area—perfect for hosting friends almost every other weekend. With this reconfiguration and thoughtful appliance upgrades, the self-proclaimed homebody enjoys her space more than ever.

You were renovating your apartment when the fourth season of Emily in Paris was airing on Netflix. Did that inspire the modern French theme?

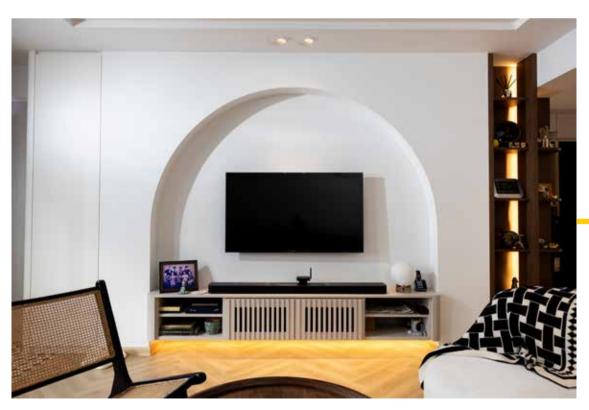
Actually, I was inspired by another program called The Parisian Agency: Exclusive Properties. It's a French reality show about a family that sells luxury real estate to the rich and famous

in France. I got to see a lot of French houses through the show, and they all looked very simple yet elegant, which really inspired me. I've always liked French houses becausewhile they're carefully planned, they look effortlessly chic.

When I met up with Christine from Loft.9 Design Studio, I told her that's exactly what I wanted, but with a bit of local flair since we're in Singapore, after all. So, we incorporated some Peranakan influences at the entrance, from the floor tiles to the glass on the arched doorway. At that time, reeded glass doors were very popular, but we opted for a floral pattern to emulate Peranakan motifs.

What do you do to relax at home?

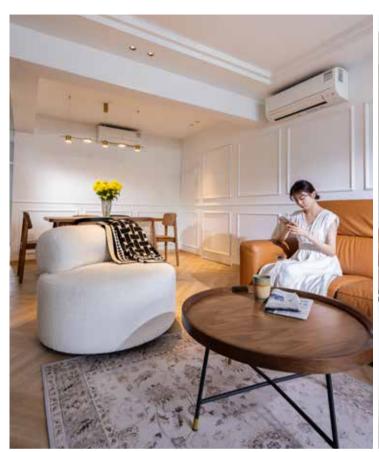
I watch TV! I've been following this Chinese drama on Netflix, but it got boring after a while, so I've started watching more Korean shows now. I think my latest watch is The Judge From Hell on Netflix. Also, I just bought a walking treadmill, so I've started walking and exercising while watching my shows.



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To make the living room feel more homely, I added a carpet and deliberately avoided bright white lighting.

On weekends, my friends come over to chill and hang out. I often open up my place to different groups of friends for dinner, wine, and just catching up on life. I enjoy that more than going out, so I guess I'm quite a homebody.

Given that you spend most of your time in the living room, how did you make it more comfortable for lounging and hosting?

Apart from the sofa, I have two lounge chairs. One is a rattan chair that looks aesthetically nice but isn't the most comfortable, as it leans back and is quite low to the ground. Unless you

have very strong legs, you might have trouble getting up from it. The other is a 360-degree swivel chair with fabric upholstery.

To make the living room feel more homely, I added a carpet and deliberately avoided bright white lighting. I always have fresh flowers around, too—I find them an inexpensive way to make the space more relaxing.

Let's talk about the heart of the home: the kitchen and service yard. Were there any game-changing appliances that significantly improved your life?

I think the water dispenser is a great addition, especially because I don't drink from the tap. In the past, I was constantly boiling water and letting it cool. Now, I can just press a button for hot or cold water.

I also have a microwave now. I didn't have one in my previous

apartment, even though everyone kept telling me to buy one. (Instead, I had an oven that was never used in 20 years—the sealed instruction manuals were still inside when I moved!) Reheating food is so much more convenient now.

Another upgrade is the automated laundry rack. In my previous place, I used to dry my clothes on the balcony, but I'd have to bring them in and out depending on the weather. Since there's no balcony here and I didn't want to hang my clothes on bamboo sticks, I invested in an automated machine so I can do laundry indoors. It has functions that simulate sunlight and emits hot air, so my clothes dry nicely now.

I used to have a dryer, but I seldom used it, so I don't miss it. When I have to wash bulky items like bedsheets, I just go to the laundromat. I did get a new washer, though. My previous one had a shortest cycle of at least half an hour, but I wanted one with a 15-minute quick wash. I think that saves time, and it's sufficient. Since I take Grab to and from work and am always in an air-conditioned office, my clothes aren't that dirty.

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We see that you got a sleek induction hob and hood too. Do you cook when you host?

Sorry to disappoint you, but I seldom cook. We usually order a mini buffet or have a potluck party. I'd say the appliance that comes in handy when I host is the wine fridge, which is half the size of my refrigerator.

I probably only use my induction hob to cook instant noodles or boil hot water for drip coffee, because the water from the dispenser isn't hot enough. It's good enough for tea, but for my Bacha coffee, I don't get the aroma I like. It's a bit troublesome, and since I have to be in the office by 6 a.m. every day, I don't really have time for it. But things have changed since I received my Nescafé Dolce Gusto Genio S. It's my first coffee machine, and I'm genuinely excited to start my mornings right. Now, making a good cup of coffee feels quick and effortless—definitely something to look forward to each day.



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An arch double door with glass and French influences brings timeless elegance to any space. With its delicate glass panes and graceful curves, this design choice invites natural light while adding a sophisticated touch. Whether leading to a garden, a balcony, or a cosy indoor nook, it's a classic feature that elevates both style and ambiance.

You've sacrificed quite a bit of bedroom space to enlarge the living and dining rooms. Tell us how you maximised what's left of it.

Initially, we wanted to have another arched door, just like the one facing the main entrance, leading to the bedroom, but the air-con piping was in the way. We were brainstorming ways to salvage the situation when we landed on these double-leaf doors, which are designed to blend into the wall.

Another French detail is the half-wall behind the bed. I initially wanted blue because I see a lot of it in French homes, but Christine suggested this shade of green, and it started growing on me. I find it quite calming. This is important because my bedroom is purely for sleeping, which is why I don't have a TV or any form of entertainment in it.

The only appliance you'll find here is my air dehumidifier. I got one because I was worried the room would become damp, and these days, I use the water it collects to water my plants.













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On the other side of the bedroom is the vanity and walk-in wardrobe. I didn't have a vanity in my previous home and had to stand in the bathroom to do my skincare. Now, I have a place where I can take my time and get ready for the day. Frankly, the wardrobe is smaller than what I'm used to—my previous one was gigantic—but it's good in that it forced me to toss out many things I had accumulated over the years but didn't need. Since moving here, I've become more mindful of clutter. If I want to buy something new, an old one has to go.

What home maintenance tips do you have for people who are living alone?

I think my main tip would be: Don't be afraid of technology. We have to embrace Al sometimes. Having grown up without Al, I used to think hightech appliances had to be constantly upgraded and would never do things as well as a human could. But since moving here, I've been proven wrong. My Ecovacs robot vacuum, for example, is really good—I usually set it to mop and vacuum at the same time.

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A Home Baker turned Café Owner

MEET THE MAN BEHIND MARYMOUNT BAKEHOUSE, A CAFÉ THAT OPENED IN FARRER PARK LAST OCTOBER.

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emember the sourdough craze during the pandemic? While most home bakers hung up their aprons once the world returned to normal, lan Ferdinand Chong kept the dream alive. What started as a home-based hustle to fund his working holiday has now risen (pun intended) into Marymount Bakehouse—an unpretentious spot dishing out hearty sourdough mains alongside pastries. The food's already got fans raving, but today, we're diving into the real story—how its chefowner's love for baking and cooking led him across continents, through cultures, and ultimately, to where he is today.

At what point did your love for cooking and baking begin?

In school, Food and Nutrition was the only subject that truly interested me—alongside humanities and history. I realised early on that I could only excel in areas I was genuinely passionate about.

After school, I would rush home to binge-watch



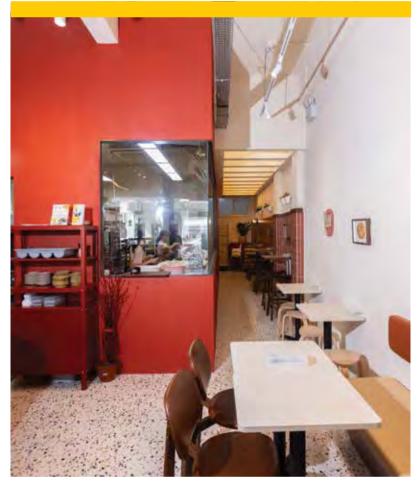
TLC, A Cook's Tour by Anthony Bourdain,
Hell's Kitchen, and countless Gordon Ramsay
videos on YouTube. Those moments shaped
my fascination with the culinary world, fueling
a desire not just to watch, but to create. That
passion eventually led me to where I am today—
crafting flavours and experiences at Marymount
Bakehouse.

You were juggling part-time work in F&B and a diploma when you decided to leave school and enter SHATEC. What made you decide to do that?

After completing my O Levels, I took on a part-time job as a server—not my first choice, but one that quickly led to more time in the kitchen. What started as a side responsibility gradually became something I looked forward to, and I found myself drawn to the rhythm of cooking. It didn't feel like work; it felt natural.

Eventually, I decided to leave my diploma program and pursue culinary arts full-time at SHATEC. It was a big leap, but deep down, I knew it was the right path.





One of my first real kitchen experiences was at an Argentine steakhouse, where I learned to make empanadas from scratch. That was a turning point—my first taste of working with dough, understanding textures, and feeling the satisfaction of creating something by hand. Looking back, that moment planted the seed for my love of baking, which later evolved into a passion for sourdough and everything Marymount Bakehouse represents today.

You worked in different restaurants before developing a curiosity in European cuisine. What was it about European cuisine that intrigued you?

I had the chance to work at Fleur de Sel Le Restaurant under Chef Alexandre Lozachmeur, which marked a significant shift for me—moving from casual dining to the precision and finesse of fine European cuisine. Growing up in Singapore, my palate was shaped by the bold, familiar flavors of Asian cuisine, but stepping into a French kitchen exposed me to an entirely different world. The meticulous techniques, the layered complexity of flavours, and the artistry of haute cuisine fascinated me.

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That interest also led you to Switzerland. Tell us about your time there as a student at the culinary academy, as well as a chef in one of your favourite restaurants.

It was more than just food—it was culture, tradition, and storytelling on a plate. At the time, Michelin-starred dining hadn't yet made its mark in Southeast Asia, so being immersed in that level of craftsmanship was eye-opening. My experience at Fleur de Sel ultimately inspired me to pursue a degree in Switzerland—not just for the education, but for the opportunity to train in some of Europe's most prestigious kitchens.

Marymount Bakehouse started out as a home business during COVID-19. Why did you choose the humble sourdough over other 'fancier' dishes you might have learnt in Switzerland?

Sourdough bread may seem humble, but mastering it is where true skill shines. It's honest—there's no hiding behind elaborate plating or fancy techniques. Every step, from fermentation to baking, reflects the baker's understanding of time, temperature, and intuition.



In Switzerland, not everything revolves around fine dining or extravagant dishes. The best food, even in Michelin-starred restaurants, often stems from a deep respect for simplicity—like a perfectly baked loaf of bread, a well-aged cheese, or a beautifully roasted piece of meat. Humble and fancy aren't opposites; sometimes, the most refined techniques lie within the simplest ingredients.

Was starting your own business always the end goal?

Not really. Marymount Bakehouse started as a small project to fund a working holiday in Australia. I wasn't aiming to start a business—I just wanted to bake and share good bread. Then Covid happened, and through word of mouth, it grew into something much bigger.

For me, the goal was never about "owning a business" but about serving people, creating something meaningful, and making others happy through food. The most rewarding part? Seeing how something as simple as bread can bring people together.

If anything, starting my own space was more about escaping the pettiness of workplace politics and creating something honest—where the work speaks for itself. The natural consequence is that we get to make a living doing what we love. When you focus on the craft and the people you serve, the business follows.

You've talked about 'sourdough living' in a number of interviews. What does that mean to you?

To us, sourdough living isn't just about embracing slow living—especially in Singapore, where slow often still means fast. Instead, it's about mindful eating and understanding what goes into the food you consume. Bread is such a staple in the Singaporean diet, especially in the mornings, and we're helping our community unlearn habits tied to commercial or yeasted breads.

We're reintroducing the concept of eating bread the ancient way—naturally fermented with lactobacillus. This community we've built returns every week for their bread supply, but they also stay to explore sourdough beyond bread—enjoying dishes like levain pies, sourdough pastas, and more. It's about creating an experience around sourdough that's exciting, educational, and delicious.

Sourdough Toast the Marymount Bakehouse way: Black Garlic Butter, Egg & Avocado

Ingredients (Serves 1-2)

- 2 thick slices Pain de Campagne Sourdough (Marymount Bakehouse)
- 2 tbsp Black Garlic Butter (recipe below)
- 1 ripe avocado, mashed with a pinch of salt
- 1 soft-boiled or poached egg
- A pinch of flaky sea salt
- Fresh herbs (chives or thyme) optional
- A drizzle of honey or olive oil optional
- A sprinkle of chili flakes optional

Preparation

- **1** Toast your Pain de Campagne Sourdough in a pan or toaster until golden and crisp.
- **2** While warm, slather Black Garlic Butter onto each slice for deep umami richness.



- **3** Mash the avocado with a pinch of salt and spread it over the toast.
- **4** Place a soft-boiled or poached egg on top. Break the yolk slightly so it melts into the toast.
- **5** Sprinkle flaky sea salt and fresh herbs. For contrast, drizzle honey or olive oil and sprinkle chili flakes if desired.

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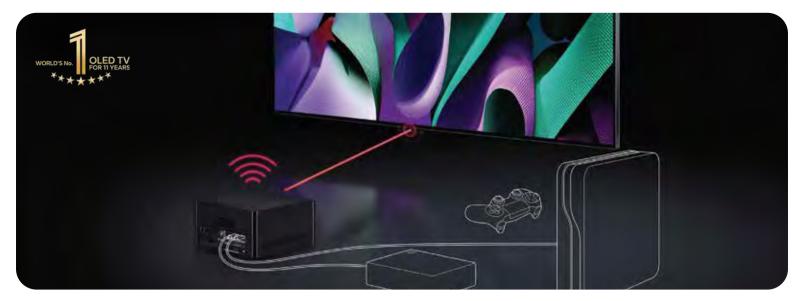
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An Ode to Mom and Dad

GAIN CITY'S CHEFS UNVEIL THEIR GO-TO RECIPES TO DELIGHT YOUR FOLKS ON MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY.

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Chef Jeffrey Chua, Gain City

other's and Father's Day call for a special meal, whether you're gathering at home or dining out. To celebrate the occasion, Executive Chef Jeffrey Chua of Gain City and Sous Chef Ken Ng from Lucky Cuisine share two signature dishes—available at their restaurants if you want to sit back and enjoy, or easy to prepare at home if you'd like to add a personal touch.

Savour the delicate flavours of Lemon Thyme Salmon with Mashed Potato, a perfect dish for Mum, or surprise Dad with the satisfying crunch of Cereal Prawn with Rice. Pair them with a refreshing Tutti Frutti or Honey Lemon Drink, and make the day one to remember, no matter where you dine.

What inspired you to create this dish for the occasion?

I sometimes prepare this dish for my parents or during festive seasons. It's quite easy to make—the prep time is around 20 to 30 minutes, and cooking takes only about 15 minutes. The only thing that requires extra preparation is the mashed potatoes.

Plus, everybody eats fish, especially salmon. Another option I considered is codfish, but it's on the expensive side. That said, cod pairs well with lemon and thyme too, as their tangy and herbaceous notes complement the fatty texture of the fish.

That's also why we included a side of carrots and paired the dish with Tutti Frutti, a refreshing drink made with pineapple, lychee, and strawberry. These elements help to cut through the richness, preventing it from feeling too jelak (overly heavy or cloying).

Many home cooks struggle with getting salmon just right—too dry or undercooked. What's your foolproof method for achieving the perfect texture?

This depends on the size of your salmon fillet. People often slice it too thick, which increases the risk of it being undercooked. Cooking it just right comes with experience. Ideally, your salmon should be about 90% cooked, as long as it's fresh enough.

To check for freshness, look at its colour and texture. Fresh salmon should be bright in colour and not slimy



to the touch. The belly is the best part, as it has the most fat, making it extra flavourful and tender.

Why did you choose to pan-sear the salmon instead of baking or air-frying it?

Pan-searing creates crispy salmon skin, which adds great texture. To achieve this, pat the skin dry thoroughly with kitchen napkins—just like you would when preparing roast duck.

Since the salmon is of premium quality, we keep it simple with just a drizzle of oil and a sprinkle of salt and pepper. If the fish is fresh, there's no need to over-season or mask any fishy smell.

What are some ways to elevate this dish?

If you enjoy garlic, you can mash it into the potatoes—but you'll need to slow-cook it first until it's soft. For an earthy flavour, try adding truffle oil.

Plating also makes a big difference. Even if you don't have restaurant-style dinnerware at home, you can still make your dish look elegant. If you're taking a photo for Instagram, a simple white plate works best, as it allows the vibrant colours of the food to stand out.

Pan-Seared Salmon with Lemon Thyme Sauce and Mashed Potatoes

Salmon

Ingredients:

Salmon Fillets Salt and Pepper Olive Oil (or other cooking oil)

Preparation:

- **1** Wash and dry the salmon fillets. Lightly salt and pepper each side.
- **2** Heat a skillet on high. When hot, add some oil and place the fish skinside down.
- **3** Use a spatula to press the fillet for 20 seconds to sear the skin and prevent the edges from curling.
- **4** Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for 3 to 4 minutes.
- **5** Flip the fillet to the other side and sear for 2 minutes per side.

Lemon Thyme Sauce

Ingredients:

200g Shallots

2-3 pieces Bay Leaf (fresh or dry)

2-3 sprigs Fresh Thyme

2 Fresh Lemons

250g Salted Butter

Preparation:

 Slice the shallot and sauté it in a saucepan with fresh thyme and bay leaf.

- 2 Once the shallot turns golden brown, add the cooking cream. Stir until it reaches a boil, then add lemon juice and mix well.
- **3** Add salted butter to thicken the sauce, but do not let the creamy sauce split.
- **4** Once the butter has melted and is fully incorporated, turn off the heat.

Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients:

1kg Russet Potatoes 450ml Cooking Cream 250g Salted Butter Salt and Pepper

Preparation:

- Add the potatoes and water to a large pot and boil over high heat until tender.
- 2 Drain the potatoes and mash until smooth. Gradually add butter and cream.
- **3** Season with salt and pepper.

At Happy Café (Level 1), enjoy the Lemon Thyme Salmon & Tutti Fruiti drink from their menu for \$17.90 (inclusive of GST).



Chef Ken, Lucky Cuisine

What inspired you to create this dish for the occasion?

We chose this dish because it's a classic family-style dish, meant to be shared by two to three people in the zi char style. It used to be a regular item on our menu, but now it's available only as a seasonal special for Mother's and Father's Day.

Cereal prawn is often seen as a restaurant dish. What's the biggest challenge a home cook might encounter, and what tips do you have for them?

Cooking the cereal oats is probably the trickiest part of the recipe. Before you start, make sure all your ingredients are prepped and ready to go. The curry leaves should be plucked, chili padi chopped, and Planta measured out precisely—too much, and the dish loses its crisp.

Once the Planta starts bubbling, you can't stop the process, or the mixture will burn. The ingredients need to be added continuously. Keep a close watch on the heat when cooking, and use a timer if necessary. If the heat is too low, the cereal oats will turn out soggy; if it's too high, they'll burn, and you'll have to start all over again.

Should we take the shells off? Some restaurants choose to leave them on.

At restaurants, prawns are usually served with the shell on for presentation, and because some customers enjoy sucking on the prawn heads. Keeping the shells on also enhances the sweetness of the prawns.

At Lucky Cafe, we usually remove the shells in case children might accidentally swallow them. To maintain the

presentation, we butterfly them instead. If you're preparing this at home, you can save the shells for prawn or seafood stock so they don't go to waste.

What do you recommend pairing this dish with?

Since it already includes a protein, stir-fried vegetables in oyster sauce would be a great complement, especially since this dish is on the drier side. The sweet and savory flavors of the cereal prawn, with a hint of spice, also pair well with a refreshing glass of honey lemon drink.

If someone wants to prepare this meal ahead of time, what can they do to save time?

You can actually pre-cook the cereal oats and store them in an airtight container (after they've cooled down) for up to one to two weeks. The cereal mixture isn't just great for prawns it also works well with squid, chicken, or fish. Seabass and snapper are excellent choices.

LUCKY CUISINE

Singapore Cereal Prawns

Golden Prawn

Ingredients

500g Prawns (de-shelled and deveined)

1 Egg

½ teaspoon Salt

1/4 teaspoon Ground White Pepper

2 teaspoons Corn Flour

1/4 cup Cooking Oil

Cereal Mix

60g Nestum Instant Cereal 1 teaspoon Sugar ½ teaspoon Salt ¼ teaspoon Ground White Pepper ½ teaspoon Milk Powder ½ teaspoon Curry Powder

Others

50g Butter
2 cloves Garlic (chopped)
20g Curry Leaves
2 Bird's Eye Chilies
1 teaspoon cooking oil (use the remaining oil from pan-frying the battered prawns).

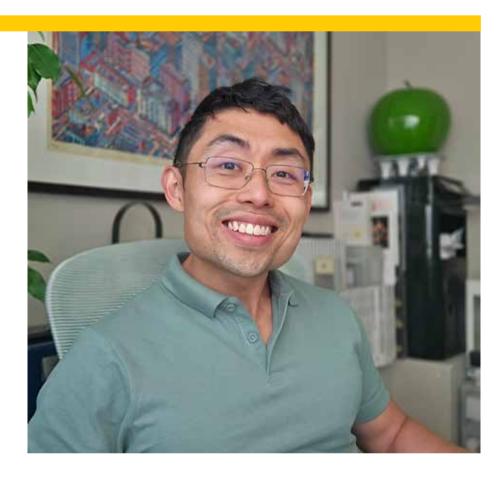
Preparation:

- **1** Combine the ingredients for the instant cereal mix and set aside.
- 2 Stir together the ingredients for the prawn coating (except for the oil) to create a batter. Add the prawns and coat evenly. If needed, gradually add cornstarch until the prawns are well-coated. The batter should be thick but able to slowly drip off the prawns.
- 3 In a pan, add enough oil to cook the prawns. Heat to medium, and once the oil is hot, add the battered prawns. Work in batches to avoid overcrowding the pan. Once the bottom of the prawns turns bright orange and the batter is cooked, flip them over and let them finish cooking. Remove from the pan and set aside. Double-fry before tossing with the cereal mix.
- **4** Using the same pan, remove the residual oil until about a tablespoon remains.
- **5** Turn the heat back on to low-medium, and once hot, add the butter. Stir until the butter melts and starts to bubble. Add the garlic.



- **6** Add the curry leaves and stir-fry. Once fragrant, add the bird's eye chilies.
- **7** Add the instant cereal mix and stir-fry. The cereal will start absorbing the butter and turn into a toasty, golden shade. Continue stirring until the cereal reaches a uniform golden colour.
- **8** Add the prawns back to the pan and stir through. The cereal will start sticking to the prawns. Your cereal prawns are now ready to serve!

Make a reservation at +65 9873 4792. Lucky Cuisine and Happy Cafe are located at Gain City Megastore@Sungei Kadut, 71 Sungei Kadut Drive, Singapore 729577.



Feng Shui Faux Pas

Feng Shui expert and Tiktok personality weighs in on popular design choices in Singapore and how they might throw your home off balance.

TEXT JOYCE YANG

s modern interior design trends dominate social media feeds, an ancient philosophy is quietly making a comeback among young homeowners: Feng Shui.

Singapore-born, London-based architect and Feng Shui expert Cliff Tan, known as @DearModern on TikTok, observes that they fall into two groups. Some adhere to Feng Shui out of parental influence ("just in case" and "nothing to lose" are common refrains) while others become true believers after seeing positive changes from its practices.

Having advised clients worldwide, Cliff notes that Singaporean clients stand out for their characteristic efficiency. Often, they would show up with a laundry list of requirements, which, while thorough, can overshadow the emotional connection to a space.

"I start the meeting by throwing their list out the window, and we start talking to them about their

aspirations in life. That's the most important thing that they often forget to think about!"

Despite Singapore's strong Feng Shui culture, Cliff observes that many apartment layouts flout its rules. Kitchens next to entrances, doors aligned with windows, and master bedroom doors at corridor ends are common. Spatial limitations often result in awkward furniture placements, like beds too close to bathrooms.

"Such plans are extremely typical, especially with newer apartments, and it becomes interesting to see how everyone tries to address the problems in their own ways," he adds.

Even with strategic layouts, some homeowners inadvertently challenge their Feng Shui efforts through popular design choices that, while visually appealing, might disrupt the home's energy flow. Here are a few that, from a Feng Shui perspective, might be more trouble than they're worth.

Trendy themes

Some design styles naturally align with Feng Shui, while others pose challenges. Industrial interiors, for example, are particularly problematic as they lack warmth and cosiness.

"Industrial is one of the worst styles for Feng Shui. Its style is all about rawness and embracing the aesthetic of an incomplete interior space, such as a warehouse or factory. Such spaces were never meant to be lived in," Cliff explains.

Minimalism, on the other hand, can work—but only if it doesn't feel sterile.

"Hospitals and laboratories are clean and clear for a

reason, and we do not want our homes to remind us of such utilitarian spaces devoid of life!" Cliff warns.

Interestingly, the organic style, with its natural materials and soft shapes, is one of the most Feng Shui-friendly trends, though Cliff advises moderation.

"However, don't overdo the curves—we do want a balance of stable shapes to represent the grounding nature of earth."





Open-concept layouts

Cliff notes that stoves or sinks facing the front door can be problematic, especially in openplan kitchens typical in small apartments like new BTOs and condominiums.

"When a kitchen is right by the entrance, keep it tidy at all times and create focal points that draw your eye away from it as you enter," he advises.

Combining living and study spaces in small homes, despite not being explicitly forbidden by Feng Shui, can have drawbacks, especially with children around.

"Study rooms in Feng Shui are quite complex as we also need to know what kind of work is being done and at what times," he says.

"Basically, we're trying to create the most conducive conditions for you to work and concentrate. Often, a shared communal space isn't one of them"

The ultimate faux pas? Open-concept bathrooms in bedrooms. "Anyone who wants

this has probably been seduced by a fancy hotel that they've stayed in once or twice. But remember: hotels are there to provide a novel experience. It's not something to be experienced on a daily basis," he says.

Cliff notes that open-concept bathrooms are discouraged because they disrupt bedroom energy with odours, noise, humidity, and light reflections. If necessary, he advises isolating the WC to contain smells and sounds.



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Opt for round or rectangular tables, which represent harmony and stability, and choose solid materials such as wood or marble.



Furniture and fixtures

Even the choice of furniture can impact the Feng Shui of a space, starting with your dining table. Cliff recommends avoiding oblong tabletops and glass surfaces. Instead, opt for round or rectangular tables, which represent harmony and stability, and choose solid materials such as wood or marble.





In the bedroom, selecting a bed frame that includes a headboard is crucial.

"When you sleep, it's important to feel stable. A headboard symbolises support and that you will have sound, protected sleep," Cliff emphasises.

Lastly, consider the design of your ceiling treatments, such as substantial false ceilings or overhead beams, which can affect the flow of energy. Steer clear of bulky or inconsistent designs that can cause a room to feel unsettled. He shares: "The main tip is to remember that when your ceiling height changes, it also means the use of the space changes."



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From chores to chill

HERE ARE EIGHT APPLIANCES TO SAVE TIME OR ENERGY, OR JUST ENJOY THE THRILL OF FUTURISTIC LIVING.

TEXT JOYCE YANG

hen people think of a smart home, they often conjure images of remote-controlled blinds and surround sound systems that promise the perfect movie night. But beyond entertainment, smart appliances can make daily life easier by tackling chores and improving air, water, and even food quality. Here are some savvy upgrades to free up your time and energy, so you can enjoy your new home without the drudgery of homemaking.

1 Robot vacuum with water inlet

Robot vacuums were already life-altering, but the latest models take it up a notch by hooking up directly to your plumbing. This means automatic water refilling and drainage and no more lugging around grimy buckets and risking spilling murky grey water all over your pristine flooring. To reap these benefits, the placement of a robot vacuum should not be an afterthought. Plan for this upgrade during renovations, ideally integrating it near the kitchen's water line and concealing the docking station with clever cabinetry to keep your little helper out of sight but not out of action.

2 Air dehumidifier and purifier

So you've hired a deep cleaning service for your new home, and that's all well and good. But when you've just renovated or moved into a new estate, the dust can take a while to settle and your neighbours' ongoing construction can besiege your home with pollutants. An air purifier becomes essential, and if you're tired of swapping out



moisture absorbers, a 2-in-1 dehumidifier and purifier will be your new best friend. It not only scrubs the air clean but also wards off the dreaded mold and mildew—perennial foes in Singapore's humidity.

3 Water purifier and dispenser

It's not hard to see why water purifiers and dispensers have become indispensable appliances in modern homes. Beyond filtering out impurities for your peace of mind, they deliver hot, cold, or room-temperature water on demand—ideal for instant coffee or a quick cup of tea without the wait. These gadgets are a boon especially for households with infants and children, providing hot water for baby formula or sterilisation, all while child-lock features ensure the safety of your curious tots.

4 Smart induction hob

A smart induction hob offers more than just a sleek aesthetic—it transforms cooking into a simpler, faster, and safer experience. Smart controls enable precise temperature adjustments for perfectly even cooking, multi-zone cooking makes meal prep a breeze, and auto shut-off, child lock, and boil-over detection provide extra peace of mind. Some even connect to your smartphone, allowing you to adjust settings on the fly—perfect for those who'd rather not be chained to the stove.



Ninja 11-in-1 Multi Cooker

5 Multi-cooker

Microwave toaster ovens and air fryers that double as grills may sound impressive, but they can't hold a candle to the versatility of a multicooker. Take the **Ninja 11-in-1 Multi Cooker**, for example—it features three primary cooking modes: pressure cooking, steaming, and slow cooking. But that's just scratching the surface. This powerhouse can also air fry, steam fry, grill, and even whip up homemade yogurt, all within a single-lid pot. Plus, at just 42 cm wide, it saves counter space, giving you the freedom to experiment with new recipes while keeping your countertop neat and organised.





Electrolux dishwashe (EFC3862MS)

6 Tabletop dishwasher

Does the thought of cleaning up put you off cooking and hosting? A dishwasher could be the answer to more nutritious meals and effortless entertainment. Contrary to popular belief, modern dishwashers often use less water and energy than handwashing, and a compact tabletop dishwasher like the **Electrolux dishwasher** (EFC3862MS) does the job just as well in smaller householders. Plus, you can say goodbye to bickering over whose turn it is to scrub the pans and hello to more quality time. Talk about a worthy investment.

BEST NEW FINDS





7 Smart fridge

Smart fridges have come a long way, and we're not just referring to their energy-efficient capabilities. We're talking touch screens to keep recipes accessible and built-in cameras to check your fridge's contents remotely—handy when you're at the stores and can't remember if you're out of milk.

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8 Bidet toilets

Singapore may not have Japan's snowy winters, but bidet toilets? That's one import we're fully on board with—so much so that a Singaporean even created a directory for public washrooms with bidets last year. Bidet toilets are a hot commodity for good reason, offering a hygienic wash that toilet paper can't match. Besides, fewer handson encounters mean less waste, so you can respond to nature's calls while doing your part for the planet.



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MAXIMISE YOUR SMALL SPACE WITH COLOUR, LIGHTING, AND MIRRORS TO CREATE A VISUALLY LARGER, MORE INVITING HOME.

TEXT GEORGIA TAN

n Singapore, where HDB flats and compact condo units are the norm, maximising space is both an art and a necessity. Fortunately, clever design techniques can create the illusion of a larger home without breaking the bank. By playing with colour schemes, lighting, and mirrors, you can transform even the smallest apartment into an airy and inviting haven. Here's how to do it.

COLOUR SCHEMES:

Light and bright wins the game

The colours you choose for your walls, furniture, and decor play a pivotal role in defining the perception of space.

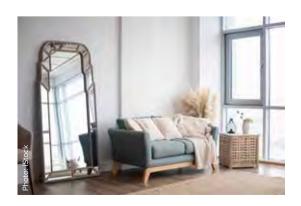
- 1 Opt for light tones: Soft, neutral colours like whites, creams, and light greys can make a room feel open and expansive. They reflect light, creating a sense of continuity that tricks the eye into perceiving a larger space.
- **2** Use a monochromatic palette: Sticking to one colour family reduces visual clutter and lends an uninterrupted flow to your interiors. For instance, pairing light blue walls with furnishings in varying shades of blue can enhance the spacious vibe.



MIRRORS:

Here's how to position mirros to visually expand a room:

1 Place mirrors opposite windows: This maximises natural light by reflecting it throughout the room, making it appear larger and more vibrant. A floor-to-ceiling mirror on a blank wall can double this effect.





- **2** Create a focal wall: Cluster smaller mirrors of various shapes and sizes to form a statement wall. This not only adds personality but also plays with reflections to create depth.
- **3** Consider mirrored furniture: Mirrored cabinets or tables are functional and stylish additions that help bounce light and visually declutter the room.

LIGHTING

Good lighting doesn't just illuminate a room—it can dramatically alter its size and mood. Here's how to use lighting to your advantage:

1 Embrace natural light: Maximise natural light by avoiding heavy curtains or bulky blinds. Sheer drapes or roller shades are excellent alternatives that let the light in while maintaining privacy.





2 Layer your lighting: Combine ambient, task, and accent lighting to eliminate dark corners and create an inviting atmosphere. For instance, install recessed ceiling lights for overall brightness, pendant lights over dining areas, and LED strips under cabinets to emphasise space.



3 Use reflective fixtures: Light fixtures with metallic or glass finishes amplify the glow in a room, bouncing light around and enhancing the illusion of a larger space.



PRO TIPS

Homes with multi-functional furniture:

Invest in pieces that serve dual purposes, like storage ottomans or foldable dining tables, to reduce clutter and maintain an open layout.

Vertical storage:

Maximise wall space with shelves and cabinets that draw the eye upward, emphasising the room's height rather than its width.

Keep It minimal:

Adopting a minimalist approach prevents a space from feeling cramped. Opt for fewer, higher-quality items to avoid overcrowding.

The art of illusion lies in clever design. By understanding how colour, lighting, and mirrors work together, you can craft a small space that feels luxurious and inviting. Whether you're a first-time HDB homeowner or a seasoned condo dweller, these tips will help you make the most of your compact home in the city.

mastering the open kitchen

OPEN KITCHENS HAVE THEIR PITFALLS, BUT SMART DESIGN TRICKS CAN HELP YOU KEEP THEM FUNCTIONAL, STYLISH, AND SAFE

TEXT JOYCE YANG



f you've recently moved into a new BTO or a compact condo, chances are you've inherited an open-concept kitchen. Whether you love the seamless flow or secretly long for a way to contain the chaos, one thing's for sure—there are ways to make it work without sacrificing style, functionality, or your sanity. Here's how to strike the perfect balance.

Taming kitchen odours

Nobody wants their sofa smelling like last night's sambal fried rice. While an open kitchen gives your space an airy, modern feel, it also means cooking

aromas have free rein. The fix? A sleek glass partition keeps smells contained without making the space feel closed in. If you have a service yard, consider turning it into a mini wet kitchen—just keep your drying laundry out of the way unless you're keen on chilli crab-scented towels.

A powerful range hood is a must, but size matters—larger kitchens need higher extraction rates to be effective.

Complement that with a discreet corner fan to keep air circulating. And if you're worried about your plush couch absorbing lingering scents, opt for removable, washable covers or invest in a steam cleaner to freshen up fabrics with minimal effort.

Keeping the noise down

When your kitchen shares space with your work-from-home setup, the last thing you need is your blender drowning out your Zoom call. Look for appliances with quiet operation ratings—think dishwashers under 45 dB, range hoods designed for silent ventilation, kettles with insulated bodies, and washer-dryers that don't sound like a plane taking off.

Beyond appliances, consider your kitchen fixtures. Deep sinks with sound-absorbing panels help muffle the clatter of dishes, while aerated or laminar-flow faucets reduce splashing noise. Soft-close hinges on cabinets and drawers also add an extra layer of peace and quiet, making it easier to sneak a midnight snack without waking the household.







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3 Decluttering Like a Pro

An open kitchen can go from Pinterest-perfect to chaotic in no time if clutter isn't kept in check. Start by maximising vertical space with top-hung and half-height cabinets, and install modular shelving systems that adapt to changing needs—whether that means adding dividers for better organisation or adjustable racks to accommodate taller items. Hide away small appliances in an appliance garage to keep countertops clean and clutter-free.

Constructing a bar or peninsula offers the perfect middle ground—storage on one side, a breakfast bar on the other. It's great for quick meals, casual chats, and, yes, hiding that heap of snacks from your vacation to Japan. Take it up a notch with a ceiling-mounted rack for drying dishes or displaying your wine collection.



4 Blending Your Kitchen Into Your Living Space

An open kitchen should feel like a natural extension of your home, not an afterthought. The trick is to create a cohesive look. Match your kitchen hardware with your living room elements—black, steel, or brass can tie everything together. Coordinate your countertop material with your dining table, whether that's quartz or terrazzo, and choose complementary shades for your TV console and kitchen cabinets to create a unified flow.

Defining an open kitchen is essential for maintaining structure in your layout, and you can achieve this without putting up walls. A bold tiled backsplash can act as a striking focal point, naturally drawing the eye and distinguishing the kitchen from the rest of the home. Similarly, a recessed or slatted ceiling treatment subtly frames the kitchen zone without creating a closed-in feel. Thoughtful lighting choices—such as pendant lights over prep areas and softer ambient lighting elsewhere—further refine the transition, ensuring that each space serves its purpose while still flowing cohesively together.



For an extra layer of safety, child-proof latches on drawers housing knives, cleaning products, and heavy cookware ensure that everything stays exactly where it should.

5 Balancing Safety and Style

If you have little ones running around, safety is a top priority—but a clunky baby gate in the middle of your chic kitchen? No, thanks. Instead, opt for built-in safety features: induction hobs that stay cool to the touch, water dispensers with child locks, and refrigerators with secure doors (no more secret snack raids).

Rounded countertop edges help prevent bumps and bruises, while slip-resistant flooring reduces the risk of accidents. Be strategic with power outlets—accessible for adults but safely out of reach for curious little hands. And for an extra layer of safety, child-proof latches on drawers housing knives, cleaning products, and heavy cookware ensure that everything stays exactly where it should.







Wrap it right

Cut energy losses and prevent costly issues like condensation and mould with ArmaFlex[®] Shield CX—insulation that saves both money and the environment.

hen it comes to keeping your home cool and comfortable, insulation is an unsung hero. Professionally installed insulation on your aircon systems is a smart and simple way to reduce energy losses and avoid costly issues like condensation, mould, and water damage. Save energy, save money — invest wisely.

COMPLETE SOLUTION FOR AIRCON SYSTEMS

Insulation is often overlooked but undeniably impactful. By insulating your entire pipe system, including drain pipes and fittings, you can achieve significant reductions in energy

losses and prevent condensation from becoming a persistent problem.

WHY CHOOSE ARMAFLEX® SHIELD CX?

For a reliable and long-lasting solution, ArmaFlex® Shield CX is a top choice. Its tough, UV-resistant skin makes it perfect for outdoor pipes, while the specially formulated ArmaFlex 520 adhesive ensures vapour-tight seams. Unlike tape, which can compress insulation and lose adhesion over time, ArmaFlex adhesive offers lasting performance.

GET THE RIGHT FIT WITH ARMAWIN™

ArmaFlex insulation is available in various thicknesses and pipe sizes, and selecting the right product is made easy with the free ArmaWin™ thermal insulation calculator on their website. The brand also offers professional training for contractors and installers, including partners like

Book a complimentary visit to the ArmaLive Experience Centre to see how the rewards of proper insulation can be both financial and environmental.



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Cool & comfortable

The Mitsubishi Electric Starmex series of air-conditioners is quiet, easy to maintain, and environmentally friendly.

That if you could keep your home cool, save energy, and take care of the planet at the same time? The Mitsubishi Electric Starmex R32 series of air-conditioners boasts high EER (Energy Efficiency Ratio) levels, achieving a 5 Ticks Energy Label, significantly reducing energy consumption and lowering your electricity bills. Operating as quietly as 19 decibels, it ensures a peaceful home environment while utilising the environmentally friendly R32 refrigerant.

HASSLE-FREE CLEANING

Maintaining your air-conditioner is now easier than ever. The Starmex R32 air-conditioners feature a user-friendly design that allows for effortless cleaning. Simply remove the vertical and horizontal vanes to access and clean the fan. Regular cleaning eliminates odours, prevents mould growth, and ensures long-term efficiency while keeping energy consumption low.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY R32 REFRIGERANT

Air-conditioners contribute to greenhouse gas emissions through refrigerants, but R32 is a greener, more energy-efficient alternative. With a low Global Warming Potential (GWP) value of only 677 — one-third of what R410A carries — R32 refrigerant reduces carbon emissions by 30%.

Additionally, R32 has a lower density, requiring 15-20% less refrigerant than R410A equivalents. This translates to lower carbon emissions, enhanced cooling efficiency, and further energy cost savings. The higher cooling capacity of R32 also means your air-conditioner delivers superior performance with reduced electricity usage, making it a smart and sustainable choice for modern homes.



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ou may not always think about the air you breathe at home, but it's a big deal. Poor indoor air quality can lead to allergies, asthma, and other health issues, especially with modern homes being more sealed and air-conditioned. Dust, pet dander, mould spores, and chemicals from cleaning products all contribute to indoor pollution. Combining an air conditioner with an air purifier is a simple yet effective way to ensure cleaner, healthier air for your family.

The Power Duo: Air Conditioner + Air Purifier

Air conditioners do more than cool the air—they help regulate humidity too. While many aircon units come with basic filters to capture larger particles like dust, they're not equipped to filter out smaller pollutants, bacteria, or airborne allergens.

This is where air purifiers shine. These devices are designed to filter out microscopic particles. Models with HEPA (High-Efficiency

Particulate Air) filters can capture up to 99.97% of particles as small as 0.3 microns, including allergens, bacteria, and some viruses. By pairing an air purifier with your aircon, you create a healthier indoor environment with every breath.

How to Choose the Right Air Purifier

When shopping for an air purifier to complement your air conditioning, consider:

- Filter Type: HEPA filters offer the best performance, and models with activated carbon filters can help remove odours and chemical pollutants.
- Room Size: Make sure the purifier is suitable for your room's size to achieve the best air-cleaning performance.
- Noise Level: A quieter model is ideal for bedrooms or study areas.
- Additional Features: Look for smart sensors, air quality indicators, and auto modes for added convenience.

Best Practices for Cleaner Air at Home

To get the most out of your aircon and air purifier, follow these simple tips:

- Keep Windows
 Closed: Especially
 during hazy or high
 pollen seasons,
 keeping windows
 shut helps maintain
 purified air.
- Regular
 Maintenance:

Clean or replace filters regularly to keep both devices running efficiently.

- Smart Placement:
 Position the air purifier in a spot with good airflow, avoiding corners or areas blocked by furniture.
- Control Humidity:
 Set your aircon
 to maintain a
 comfortable
 humidity level (30%
 to 50%) to prevent
 mould growth.



Like a cool breeze

Enjoy comfortable and effective cooling in all your rooms, thanks to this air-con's special features.

Vou want your air-con unit to emit cool air into your room and not directly at you.



CLEAN AIR

MHI's air-cons have an Allergen Clear Filter to deactivate allergens and bacteria, and a Nano Air Filter which can remove 99% of pollutants as microscopically small as PM2.5.



The same aerodynamic analysis technology used in developing jet engines has been applied to the design of air channels in MHI's air-cons for the best air circulation.

NEW DESIGN THAT MAKES ME FEEL COOL!



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AIR FLOW

The 3D Auto Vertical + Horizontal feature automatically controls airflow volume and direction, so that comfortable airconditioning of the entire room can be done effectively.





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A new way to cool

Stay cool in style with the LG ARTCOOL™—a sleek, smart air conditioner that cools faster, saves energy, and blends seamlessly into modern homes.

If there's one thing we all know about living in Singapore, it's that staying cool is a full-time job. Whether it's the sweltering midday heat or the humidity creeping in at night, a good air conditioner isn't just a luxury — it's a necessity.

But here's the thing: most air conditioners do the job, but they don't always look good doing it. Clunky white boxes hanging off the wall, humming a little too loudly in the background, and guzzling energy like there's no tomorrow.

That's where LG's ARTCOOLTM air conditioner changes the game. Designed with both aesthetics and performance in mind, it's not just about cooling the air — it's about enhancing your space, making life easier, and doing it all with style.

DESIGNED TO DISAPPEAR (IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE)

First impressions matter, and the LG ARTCOOL™ makes a stunning one. Unlike traditional air conditioners that stick out like an afterthought, this model blends right in with a sleek mirror glass panel that reflects your interior beautifully.

It's minimalist, modern, and subtle, perfect for homeowners who care about

design as much as they care about comfort. Whether your space is Scandinavian chic, contemporary luxe, or Japandi-inspired, this aircon won't clash with your aesthetic — it'll complement it.

And because the exterior is easy to wipe clean, it stays looking as polished as the day you installed it.

FAST COOLING, LOW BILLS—IT'S A WIN-WIN

Looks aside, an air conditioner needs to perform, and the LG ARTCOOL™ delivers. It's powered by LG's DUAL Inverter Compressor™, which cools up to 40% faster than conventional models compared to other LG models. Translation? You won't be waiting around in the heat for your space to cool down.

But here's the kicker – it's also 70% more energy-efficient as compared to other LG models. That means you get to enjoy better cooling without the shock of a high electricity bill at the end of the month.

CONTROL IT FROM ANYWHERE (YES, EVEN FROM BED)

Ever climbed into bed, only to realise you forgot to turn on the aircon? Or wanted to adjust the temperature but the remote was nowhere to be found?

With the LG Thin Q^{TM} app, those little annoyances are a thing of the past.

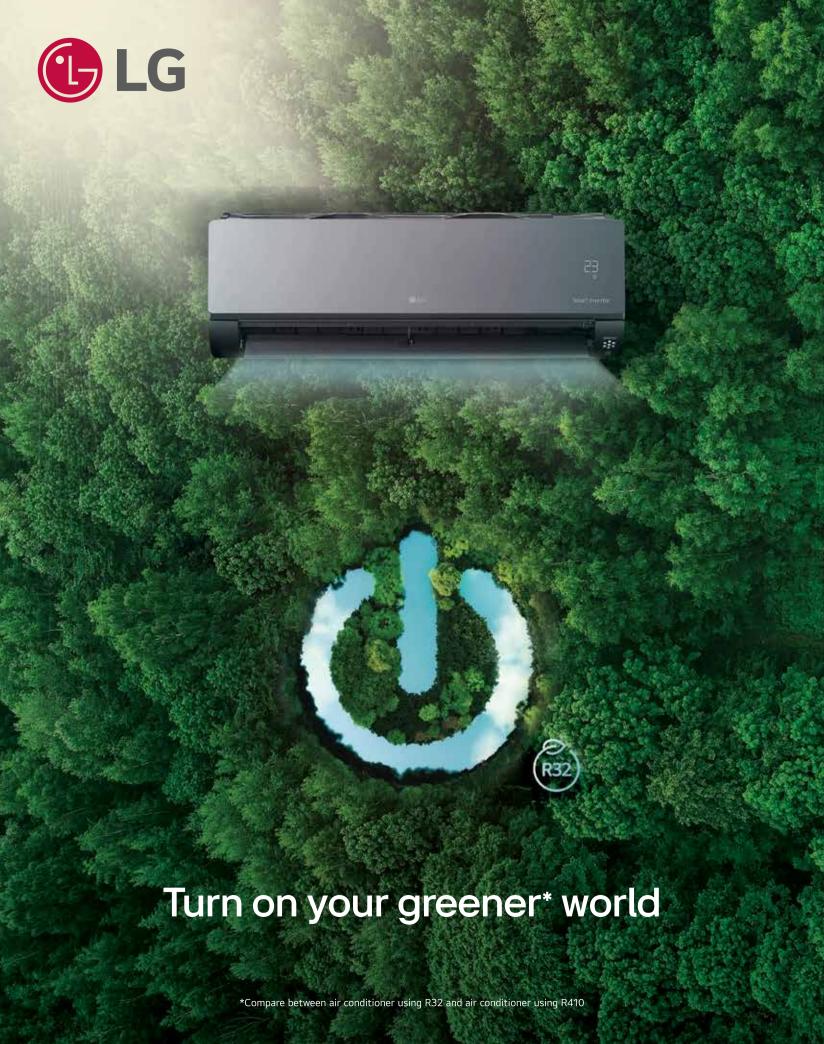
This smart air conditioner connects to your Wi-Fi, so you can control it from your phone — whether you're in bed, on the way home, or halfway around the world.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH IT?

- Turn it on/off remotely (precool your room before you get home!)
- Monitor energy usage (so you know exactly how much power you're using)
- Run diagnostics (spot potential issues before they become a problem)



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Hot water on demand

The CUCKOO TITAN Water Purifier delivers instant 100°C hot water, advanced filtration, and smart features—all in a sleek, tankless design for modern living.

o more waiting for your kettle to boil! The CUCKOO TITAN Water Purifier, the first in Singapore with an Instant 100°C Extra Hot Water Function, brings the ultimate convenience and safety to your kitchen. Its sleek tankless design and smart touch display make it a stylish and practical addition to any home.

With advanced features like the 6-Stage Nano Positive Filtration System, auto-electrolysis sterilisation, and patented filters that maintain mild-alkaline water, the CUCKOO TITAN ensures every drop is pure, safe, and mineral-rich. Plus, with smart cup modes, voice navigation in multiple languages, and mood lighting, this purifier is as intelligent as it is beautiful.

The CUCKOO TITAN also includes a two-year CUCKOO+ Care Service Package, ensuring your water purifier remains in peak condition with regular maintenance and a comprehensive warranty.



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Less space more taste

DISCOVER THE LATEST SMART KITCHEN TOOLS, FROM AIR FRYERS TO STEAM OVENS, THAT BRING BIG FUNCTIONALITY TO SMALL KITCHENS WITHOUT COMPROMISING ON STYLE.

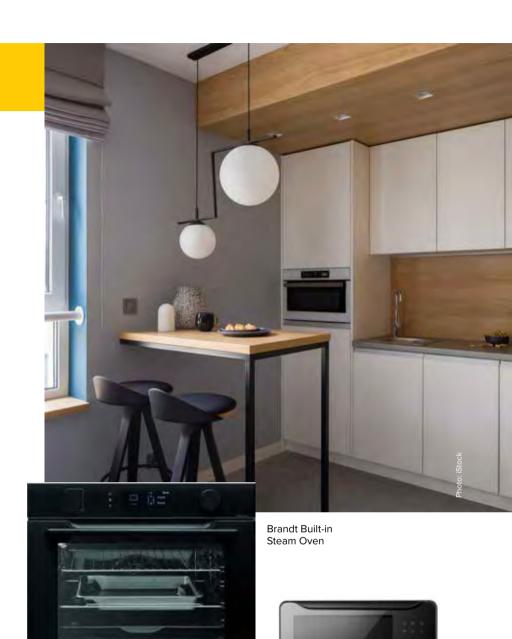
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or those who call compact kitchens home, every inch matters. But a small kitchen doesn't mean sacrificing culinary creativity. Smart kitchen gadgets are transforming tiny spaces into full-fledged culinary hubs, proving that size doesn't limit possibilities.

Maximising functionality

One of the smartest ways to optimise a compact kitchen is with multifunctional appliances. Air fryers, for example, have become a go-to gadget for their versatility. Modern air fryers do more than just crisp up fries; many models can bake, grill, roast, and even dehydrate, offering a variety of cooking methods without the need for multiple appliances.

Another compact powerhouse is the steam oven. These sleek devices provide a healthy and space-saving alternative to traditional ovens. Using steam to cook ensures that food retains moisture and nutrients, delivering delicious and wholesome meals. Many steam ovens also feature smart controls, enabling users to adjust settings remotely—ideal for busy households.





Compact cooking solutions

Induction cooktops and portable stoves are also perfect for small spaces. Not only do they heat up quickly, but they also offer precise temperature control. Many models come with smart features, such as auto-sizing technology that only heats the area beneath the cookware, improving safety and energy efficiency.

For coffee enthusiasts, compact espresso machines and smart coffee makers can fit snugly on countertops while still delivering barista-quality brews. Features like app control, scheduled brewing, and integrated milk frothers combine convenience and luxury, all within a compact footprint.

Smart storage solutions

To make the most of limited storage, gadgets like vacuum sealers are a great addition. They help keep food fresh while saving space by allowing





Ninja Grill & Air Fryer

Aesthetic and practical

Today's smart kitchen gadgets aren't just functional they're designed to look good too. Appliances with clean lines, neutral tones, and minimalist designs can seamlessly integrate into any interior style, from contemporary to classic. The result is a kitchen that feels open, airy, and inviting.

Creating a smart kitchen

When choosing gadgets for a compact kitchen, prioritise those with smart features like programmable settings, virtual assistant integration, and remote controls. These innovations can simplify cooking routines, save time, and even reduce energy consumption.

With thoughtful design and the right tools, a compact kitchen can be as powerful as any larger space. Smart gadgets not only maximise efficiency but also bring a sense of joy to meal preparation—proving that even the smallest of kitchens can make a big impact.



A clean sweep

Effortlessly clean every corner of your home with ECOVACS' DEEBOT X8 PRO Master, featuring edge-to-edge coverage, powerful suction, and hands-free maintenance.

ay goodbye to mundane cleaning chores with ECOVACS' revolutionary DEEBOT X8 PRO Master. Equipped with the innovative OZMO ROLLER Mopping Technology, this smart robotic vacuum not only vacuums and mops simultaneously but also prevents dirt cross-contamination with its 16 fresh water nozzles.

Its advanced TruEdge 2.0 Adaptive Edge Cleaning Technology and TruEdge 3D Edge Sensor redefine edge-to-edge cleaning. The roller mop and side brush dynamically extend to adapt to every nook and cranny of your home. Whether it's tight corners, tricky edges, or along skirting boards, the DEEBOT X8 PRO Master ensures up to 100% cleaning coverage, leaving no dust or dirt behind.

Powered by AIVI 3D 3.0 Omni-Approach Technology, it intelligently navigates around obstacles, making it perfect for busy households with kids or pets. With a powerful 18,000Pa suction and hands-free maintenance through the Auto Refill and Drain OMNI Station, keeping your home spotless has never been this easy.







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Stay cool and breathe easy with SONA's Air Purifying DC Fan—powerful airflow, medical-grade HEPA filtration, and smart energy-saving features for modern homes.

lean air meets smart design with Sona's Air Purifying DC Fan. Engineered for compact living, it combines powerful airflow with a medical-grade H13 HEPA filter, capturing 99.97% of airborne particles as small as 0.1 microns – ideal for dust, allergens, and bacteria.

Designed for common spaces inside your home (45sqm), it features a 55W brushless DC motor for efficient cooling. Smart and eco-friendly, its auto shut-off function powers down after 24 hours of inactivity, so you never have to worry about leaving it on.

Eligible for the NEA Climate Voucher, it's a stylish, sustainable upgrade for modern homes. Available at Gain City – because fresh air should be effortless.





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While most Singaporeans rely on professional servicing, incorporating regular checks yourself can make a difference too. Simply cleaning the filters, checking for dust buildup, and ensuring air vents are unobstructed can help maintain good air quality between servicing sessions.

Healthier living, one filter at a time

Cleaning your air conditioner involves more than just wiping down external surfaces. It requires a thorough clean of the filters, coils, and ducts to prevent the buildup of harmful substances. Filters are particularly important as they trap particles before they can enter your home. When clogged, these filters can no longer effectively purify the air, compromising indoor air quality.

Experts recommend cleaning your air conditioner filters every two weeks, especially during seasons when usage is high. In addition to routine filter cleaning, professional servicing quarterly can help keep the entire system running smoothly.



Energy efficiency and longevity

Beyond health benefits, regular air conditioner maintenance can also improve the efficiency of your unit. A clean system uses less energy, leading to lower utility bills and a reduced carbon footprint. Over time, this not only saves you money but also extends the lifespan of your air conditioner, making it a wise investment for your home.

A simple step to a safer home

Incorporating air conditioner cleaning into your regular home maintenance routine is a small step that offers substantial rewards. From enhancing indoor air quality to creating a safer and healthier living environment, this practice contributes to a more comfortable and welcoming home.

So, the next time you freshen up your living space, don't forget the hidden impact of your air conditioning unit. With clean air circulating, you can truly breathe easy, knowing your home is as healthy as it is beautiful.





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LET THE PROFESSIONALS HELP

Gain City provides air-con servicing for both residential and commercial premises at reasonable rates. Call 6222 1212 for a quote today!

PRO TIP

3 SIMPLE WAYS TO KEEP YOUR HOME COOL

Beat the heat without AC! Block sunlight with blinds, improve airflow with crossventilation, and switch to cooling fabrics for a fresher, more comfortable home.

- Use Blinds and
 Curtains: Block out
 direct sunlight by
 keeping blinds or
 curtains closed during
 the hottest parts of the
 day. Light-coloured or
 thermal curtains can
 help reflect heat away.
- Open windows and doors in the early morning and evening to allow crossventilation. Using ceiling or standing fans can also help circulate cool air effectively.
- Fabrics: Opt for lightweight cotton or linen bedsheets and upholstery to keep your space feeling fresh. Breathable textiles help regulate body temperature and improve comfort.



f you are looking for an air-conditioner that does more than cool your home, the Panasonic X-Premium Inverter XU Series is an excellent choice. Not only does this range maintain a more comfortable interior temperature, it also purifies the air and gets rid of odours, all while being energy efficient and gentle on skin.



PROTECT WITH CLEANER AIR

The air-conditioners in this series double as air purifiers. Simply switch on nanoeTMX mode without the cooling mode to enjoy crisp air all day and night. comfortable cooling.

The nanoe™X mode operates at just 25W/h. Compare this to a regular light bulb that consumes 60W/h and a ceiling fan at medium speed which uses 25-30W/h.

Smaller than a steam droplet, nanoe™X also penetrates deep into clothes, fabrics and other surfaces to inhibit pollutants like bacteria and viruses, mould, allergens, pollen, and hazardous substances. Plus, it deodorises the air, and moisturises your skin and hair.

IDEAL SLEEPING ENVIRONMENT

A high relative humidity even with a low temperature may increase the risk of heatstroke and cause discomfort and irregular sleep cycles. The Humidity

Sensor constantly monitors and adjusts relative humidity levels to below 60% for an optimal sleeping environment and

BETTER FOR THE PLANET

The XU series air-conditioners are energy efficient for greater cost savings. Its 5-tick energy efficiency rating translates into lower energy consumption and energy bills.

STAY IN CONTROL

With the built-in Wi-Fi and Panasonic Comfort Cloud App, you can simultaneously monitor and control airconditioner units in multiple locations

and track their energy consumption levels remotely.



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Make your home a safe haven for your loved ones with quality air. Panasonic X-Premium Inverter Multi Split air conditioners are equipped with nanoe™ X technology which effectively inhibits up to 99.7% of Novel Coronavirus in 24 hours*. nanoe™ X keeps you and your family safe indoors with 24-hour active air protection. Smartify your air conditioner anytime, anywhere with Comfort Cloud App and cool your house before reaching home.

Panasonic Air Conditioner, giving you quality air for life.

*Research by Texcell SA(France) in January 2021. Test conditions apply.





QUALITY AIR FOR LIFE

Safety first

STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF CYBER THREATS WITH EXPERT ADVICE ON MAINTAINING PRIVACY, SECURITY STRATEGIES, AND THE BEST PRODUCTS FOR YOUR SMART HOME.

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mart homes are more popular than ever, offering seamless control over everything from lighting and security to appliances and entertainment. But the convenience of connected living comes with its own set of risks—namely, the threat of cyberattacks. As more devices become interconnected, protecting your digital front door is just as crucial as locking your physical one.

HOW CYBERCRIMINALS EXPLOIT SMART HOMES

Every connected device presents a potential entry point for cyber threats. Even seemingly harmless gadgets like smart lightbulbs or voice assistants can be exploited if not secured properly. Common vulnerabilities include outdated software, weak passwords, and unencrypted data transmissions, all of which create opportunities for cybercriminals to access personal information or gain control over home automation systems.

FIVE ESSENTIAL STEPS TO SAFEGUARD YOUR SMART HOME

 Change default passwords: Default passwords are often publicly available online, making your devices easy targets. Always replace them with strong, unique passwords.



- Regular software updates: Firmware updates are more than just feature enhancements—they also patch security vulnerabilities. Keep all smart devices up to date.
- Use a guest Wi-Fi network: Isolate your smart home devices from your main network by setting up a dedicated guest network. This adds a layer of protection to your personal data.
- Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA): Adding a second form of verification helps prevent unauthorised access, even if passwords are compromised.
- Monitor for unusual activity: Keep an eye on your devices and network for suspicious behaviour, such as unfamiliar devices accessing your network or sudden spikes in data usage.

MUST-HAVE PRODUCTS TO BOOST YOUR HOME'S CYBERSECURITY

- Advanced smart routers: Look for models with built-in security features like network monitoring, parental controls, and antivirus software.
- Secure smart security systems: Choose systems that offer end-to-end encryption to ensure your data is protected both locally and on the cloud.
- Smart plugs with security features: These devices can help prevent unauthorised access and reduce the risk of overuse by allowing remote control and scheduling.

STAY PROACTIVE AND INFORMED

As smart technology evolves, so do the strategies of cybercriminals. The best defence is a proactive approach—stay informed about security updates, implement best practices, and choose smart devices with robust security features. With a bit of vigilance, you can enjoy the perks of smart home living without compromising on safety.





Celebrating 100 years of comfort:

For 100 years, Rheem[®] has delivered comfort, safety, and innovation in water heating—proving that when it comes to reliability, the Next Starts Now.

or a century, Rheem® has been the silent hero behind countless homes, delivering comfort and efficiency through pioneering water heating solutions. With a legacy built on innovation and reliability, Rheem's "Next Starts Now" mantra drives the brand forward, offering smart, energy-efficient products that cater to every lifestyle.

From tankless water heaters that provide on-demand hot water to sturdy & reliable electric storage heaters, to advanced heat pump systems that balance sustainability with performance, Rheem's range is designed with both safety and convenience in mind. Features like Wi-Fi-enabled models, overheating protection, and antibacterial technology ensure not just comfort but also peace of mind.

As Rheem celebrates 100 years of excellence, the brand remains committed to shaping the future of water heating — one warm shower at any time. Scan to discover why Rheem® continues to be the name trusted by households and businesses worldwide.



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Bringing the cinema home

Elevate your home entertainment with the Philips 75PML9109—stunning visuals, immersive sound, and smart features wrapped in a sleek, design-forward package.



ransform your living space into an immersive entertainment hub with the Philips 75PML9109, a 75-inch 4K UHD MiniLED TV that redefines home viewing.

WHERE DETAIL MEETS VIBRANCY

The Philips 75PML9109 leverages Quantum Dot MiniLED technology to deliver lifelike colors, crisp whites, and rich dark scenes. This advanced technology enhances brightness and deepens blacks, setting it apart from traditional LEDs. The P5 Perfect Picture Engine further optimises sharpness, contrast, and motion for an exceptional viewing experience, whether you're watching the latest blockbuster or indulging in a nature documentary.

A UNIQUE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

One of the standout features of the 75PML9109 is Philips' signature Ambilight technology. It projects a soft, customisable light that mirrors the colours of your screen, extending the visuals beyond the TV's edges.



IMMERSIVE AUDIO TO MATCH THE VISUALS

The 75PML9109 pairs its stunning visuals with Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos audio technologies. Dolby Vision enhances brightness, contrast, and colour, while Dolby Atmos fills your space with 3D surround sound, creating a multidimensional audio experience. Whether you're diving into an action-packed movie or streaming your favorite playlist, the sound quality will elevate your sensory experience.



GOOGLE TV AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Seamlessly integrated with Google TV, the Philips 75PML9109 offers effortless access to streaming apps, entertainment recommendations, and smart home controls. Managing subscriptions,

discovering new content, and even voice control become second nature, adding convenience to your daily life.



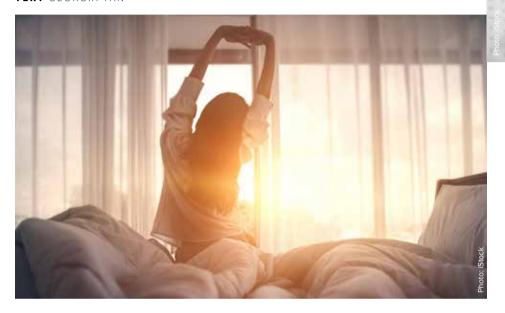
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<mark>restful</mark> retreat

STRUGGLING TO SLEEP WELL? HERE ARE FIVE SIMPLE DESIGN TIPS—FROM CALMING COLOURS TO DITCHING TECH—THAT CAN TRANSFORM YOUR BEDROOM INTO A RESTFUL RETREAT.

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etting a good night's sleep starts with the right environment. While lifestyle habits and stress levels play a role, the design of your bedroom can significantly impact how well you rest. From choosing calming colours to keeping tech out of the room, here's how to create a bedroom that helps you drift off into dreamland.

1 CHOOSE CALMING COLOURS

A soothing colour palette sets the tone for relaxation. Soft shades of blue, green, and grey are ideal for promoting calmness, with blue known to reduce heart rates and encourage rest. Avoid bold and bright colors like red or neon tones, which can be too stimulating. For a balanced look, incorporate neutral accents that add warmth without overpowering the space.

2 GET THE LIGHTING RIGHT

Lighting affects your sleep-wake cycle, so it's important to use it wisely. Natural light during the day is beneficial, but at night, opt for warm, dim lighting that signals your body it's time to wind down. Blackout curtains are a must for keeping out external light, while smart bulbs or dimmable lamps can help create a serene evening ambiance.

3 INVEST IN QUALITY BEDDING AND MATTRESS

Comfort is key to good sleep. Your mattress should support your preferred sleeping position, whether that's a plush memory foam or a firm hybrid. Bedding also matters—look for soft, breathable fabrics like cotton or linen to regulate body temperature and keep you comfortable through the night.

4 INCORPORATE SOUND AND SCENT

To fully set the mood for sleep, engage your senses. White noise machines can mask outside sounds, while essential oils such as lavender or chamomile promote relaxation. Use a diffuser or a linen spray to subtly introduce calming scents into your space.

5 MAKE YOUR BEDROOM A TECH-FREE ZONE

Screens emit blue light, which can interfere with melatonin production and delay sleep. Instead of using your phone before bed, create a nightly routine that includes calming activities like reading or meditating. If you need an alarm, consider an analogue clock to keep technology out of your sleep sanctuary.



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CUCKOO ***

Sleep like a dream

Experience superior sleep with the CUCKOO O-SERIES Mattress—organic, aniline-free, cool, and hygienic, with custom comfort and unrivaled after-sale care.

ay hello to the sleep experience of your dreams with the new CUCKOO O-SERIES Mattress. Combining innovative features with top-notch hygiene standards, this mattress sets a new benchmark in Singapore's sleep scene.

Designed with 100% GOLS-certified organic natural latex, the CUCKOO O-SERIES Mattress offers a healthier, eco-friendly sleep surface, free from harmful chemicals and synthetic materials. The aniline-free composition enhances safety, avoiding exposure to this common dye chemical known for potential health risks. The Dustic Freeze Technology not only keeps you cool through the night but also provides anti-dust mite and anti-static benefits, ensuring a clean and refreshing sleep environment.

The mattress also offers customisable toppers – choose between the Firm Topper for superior support or the Soft Topper for that plush, cozy feel. Whether you prefer a structured or cloud-like sleep, the CUCKOO O-SERIES adapts to your personal comfort needs.



Going beyond just a great product, CUCKOO introduces industry-first after-sale home care services. Benefit from islandwide servicing every six months, which includes Triple Supreme Deep Cleaning and an Airtumtec antimicrobial coating application. This thoughtful service helps maintain mattress hygiene, extending its lifespan and ensuring a safe, allergen-free space for restful sleep.



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e all know how important sleep is, yet so many of us struggle to get enough of it. In Singapore, sleep deprivation is a real issue—only one in four people gets more than seven hours of sleep a night! The right mattress can make all the difference, helping you sleep better and wake up feeling refreshed. But with so many choices, where do you start?

Here's a no-fuss, easy guide to picking the perfect mattress—plus, why Gain City is the best place to find one that suits you.

1 Find a mattress that fits your sleeping style

Not all sleepers are the same, so your mattress should match how you sleep.

- Back sleepers Medium-firm to firm mattresses provide enough support for your lower back.
- Side sleepers A softer mattress (mediumsoft to medium-firm) cushions your shoulders and hips.
- Stomach sleepers A firm mattress keeps your spine aligned and prevents sinking.
- Combination sleepers If you move around at night, go for a medium-firm mattress for allaround comfort.

2 Get the right firmness for your body type

Your weight affects how much you sink into a mattress, so choose accordingly:

- Lighter sleepers (<50kg): Softer mattresses help with support and comfort.
- Average weight (50-100kg): Medium-firm mattresses work well for most people.
- Heavier sleepers (>100kg): A firmer mattress helps prevent sagging and provides better durability.

3 Pick the right material

Each mattress type feels different—here's a quick breakdown:

- Memory Foam Soft, contouring, and great for pressure relief (ideal for side sleepers and couples).
- Innerspring Bouncy and breathable, with a more traditional feel.
- Hybrid The best of both worlds—foam comfort with spring support.
- Latex Durable, eco-friendly, and naturally cooling.

4 Set a budget (and stick to it!)

Mattresses range from budget-friendly to high-end luxury. The key is to find the best quality within your price range.

A good mattress lasts 7-10 years, so think of it as an investment.

Expensive doesn't always mean better—focus on materials and durability instead. Look out for promotions to score a better deal.

5 Test it out before buying

A mattress may look good online, but you won't know if it's right for you until you try it. Here's how to test it properly:



- Lie down for at least 10-15 minutes in your usual sleeping position.
- Pay attention to comfort, support, and pressure relief.
- If you wake up with aches, you may need a different firmness level.

At Gain City, you'll find a wide range of mattresses for every sleep style, firmness preference, and budget—all at great prices. With expert guidance, frequent promotions, and the chance to test before you buy, you can confidently find the perfect mattress for a restful night's sleep.



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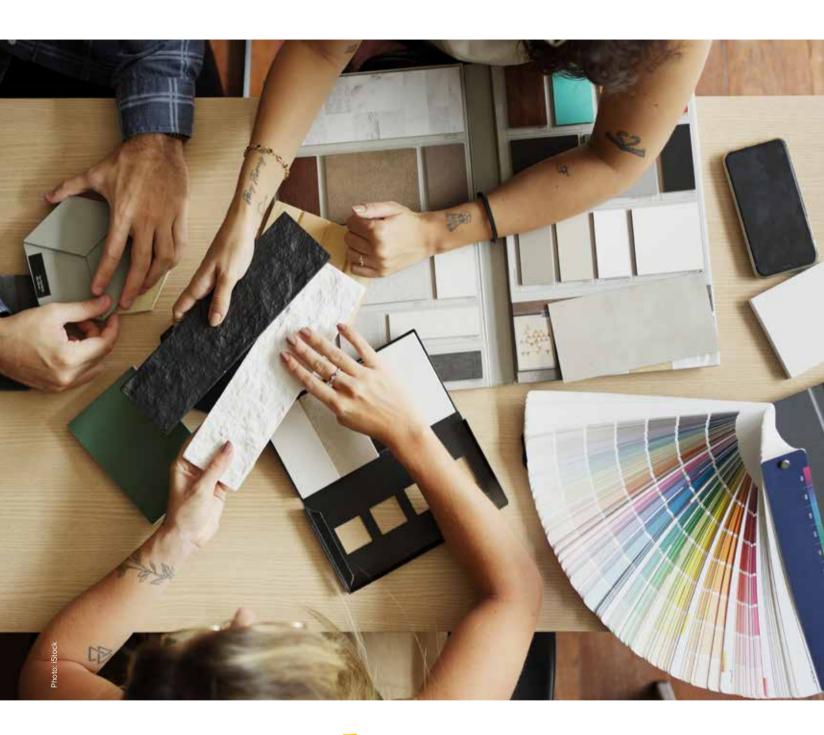
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A masterclass on style

A LOOK AT THE INTERIOR DESIGN TRENDS THAT HAVE CAPTIVATED HOMEOWNERS ON THE RED DOT.

emember when pastel colours, wabisabi themes, and arches dominated our spaces? Those were good times, but as 2025 rolls in, it's time for a fresh set of trends to take center stage. Join us as we bid a fond farewell to the old favourites and unveil the daring new directions in design. Ready to find out what's hot and what's not? Let's dive in.

1 Colours

Colours really do shape the way we feel in a space—think about the way a McDonald's restaurant contrasts an Aesop store. This year, we've waved goodbye to millennial grey and boring beige, and welcomed the soothing embrace of creamy tones. But just when you thought the era of monochromatic and neutral hues might be winding down, 2025 throws us a curveball. The Pantone Color Institute has chosen PANTONE 17-1230 Mocha Mousse as the colour of the year. This hue is poised to redefine interiors, from luscious leather couches that exude quiet luxury to mismatched bed linens that make an afternoon siesta all the more irresistible.





But if earthy tones aren't quite your jam, there's a whole spectrum out there waiting to be explored. Pinterest Predicts, drawing on insights from half a billion users, is betting big on primary colours—reds, blues, and yellows straight out of a pop art painting. Among these, red—particularly cherry red—has everyone talking, surging in popularity and doubling its search volume year on year. But remember, a little red goes a long way. Maybe start with a funky clock or some of SMEG's retro appliances to add a pop without turning your home into a fire engine.

The resurgence of colour doesn't stop at primary shades. The trend of colour stacking invites you to mix and match to your heart's content. Want something soothing? Try pairing safe green and terracotta for a vibe that's both earthy and chic. Whether you're going bold or subtle, there's never been a better time to play with colour in your space.

2 Themes

Just like fashion trends swinging back and forth (hello again, low-rise jeans and platform boots) the world of interior design is also riding its own style pendulum. Remember when minimalism was all the rage, inspired by Marie Kondo's clarion call to declutter? Well, as we roll into 2025, it's clear that the tide has turned. The minimalist 'less is more' mantra is making room for a louder, prouder 'more is more' approach.

Maximalism, the current darling of interior design, is all about embracing the eclectic, which is fantastic news if you're the kind who's held onto every concert ticket, every memento from your travels, or the imperfect ceramics you crafted with your own hands. Apartments become living galleries, showcasing everything from childhood memorabilia to those blind box toys you've collected as a big kid. Sure, there might be more to dust, but each piece adds a layer of personality that makes all the upkeep worthwhile.





And it's not just about embracing our personal history. As we continue into 2025, we're also seeing a fresh take on a timeless theme—let's call it mid-century modern, but with a Singaporean twist. Forget the Fritz Hansen and Vitra; Singapore adds its unique flair with traditional ventilation blocks, intricately patterned grilles, and lush green onyx. This blend of global aesthetics with local elements resonates with a sense of place and heritage, especially in neighbourhoods like Tiong Bahru. As we embrace themes that reflect our personal and cultural journeys, it's all about making our homes as bold and expressive as their inhabitants.

3 Features

Unique renovation features can tell you a lot about when a place was built. Remember the bay windows that were all the rage in the 2000s? Or the platforms that defined the 2010s? And who could forget the arched everything of the 2020s? Now, as we edge further into the mid-2020s, we're seeing a new trend taking shape—literally.

Sculptural elements are becoming the stars of home renovation. Imagine walking through a cave-like doorway in your city apartment or dramatically descending a ribbon staircase in a landed home. These features aren't just functional; they're conversation starters, transforming ordinary spaces into works of art. Not ready to commit to such permanent changes? No

problem. You can still get in on the trend with sculptural furniture—think beyond the typical bouclé sofas to pieces like hand-shaped chairs and asymmetrical coffee tables.

In the bathroom, the shift from conventional bathtubs to soaking baths, inspired by Japanese onsens, is a trend on the rise. These compact, deep baths save space while offering a luxurious soaking experience. Set flush or slightly recessed, they're often surrounded by natural materials like stone or wood-look tiles, transforming bathrooms into soothing sanctuaries for relaxation and self-care.





Revolutionising home cooking

Steam, precision, and effortless cleaning—De Dietrich's 60cm Gourmet Combi Steam Oven (DOR7586A), redefines home cooking with pro-level results and sleek, modern design.

levate your kitchen with the De Dietrich 60cm Gourmet 100% Combi Steam Pyrolytic Oven – a cutting-edge appliance designed for those who crave professional-grade cooking at home. Fusing steam precision, intelligent cooking modes, and effortless maintenance, this oven transforms everyday meals into gourmet experiences.

PERFECT COOKING WITH STEAM TECHNOLOGY

At the core of this oven is its combined steam function, which creates crisp, golden textures while locking in moisture. Whether it's succulent roasts, delicate pastries, or artisanal bread, the infusion of steam ensures even cooking and rich flavours.

For health-conscious cooks, the 100% steam mode is a game-changer. Cooking without added fats, it preserves essential nutrients, making it ideal for fish, poultry, vegetables, and even desserts.

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DESIGNED FOR MODERN KITCHENS

Aesthetically refined in Absolute Black, the oven complements contemporary kitchen designs. With a 73L cavity, six shelf levels, and interior halogen lighting, it offers both space and convenience.

Equipped with essential accessories – including safety racks, basting trays, a stainless steel steam tray, and telescopic racks – this oven is as versatile as it is stylish. A cool-touch door enhances safety, while the built-in 1L water tank supports uninterrupted steam cooking.



A NEW STANDARD IN HOME COOKING

From everyday meals to gourmet feasts, the De Dietrich 60cm Gourmet Combi Steam Pyrolytic Oven is a powerhouse of innovation. Whether you're a passionate home cook or simply want healthier, tastier meals with less effort, this oven is designed to deliver exceptional results, every time.

With precision steam, guided cooking intelligence, and effortless maintenance, it redefines modern home cooking – bringing the future of culinary excellence into your hands.

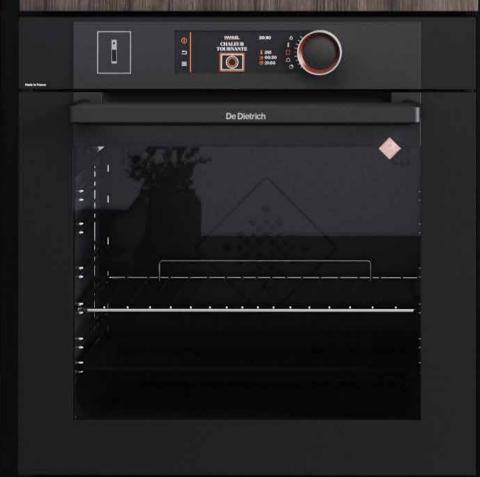


The De Dietrich 60cm Gourmet Combi Steam Pyrolytic Oven offers precision with four advanced modes. Expert Mode features 12 customisable functions, while Expert Steam Mode blends steam with traditional heat. Cooking Guide Mode includes 35 pre-set recipes, and Combined Steam + 100% Steam Mode provides over 60 guided recipes. With Quattro Pulse Technology for even heat and an intuitive Duo LCD display, effortless control meets perfect results.



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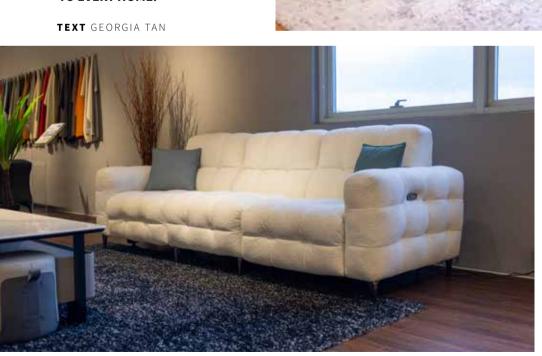




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CONTEMPORARY COMFORT

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he kitchen has long been known as the heart of the home, but when you're cooking in a cosy 3-room HDB or 2-bedder condo, it can feel more like a sardine tin than a culinary haven. The good news? Size doesn't have to stand in the way of functionality. Whether you're a seasoned chef or someone who re-heats more than they cook, these tips will help you create a kitchen that inspires more homecooked meals and fewer takeouts.

1 Vertical space

When you're working with a tiny kitchen, every inch matters—from ceiling to floor. Start by upgrading your upper and lower cabinets with pull-down and pull-out mechanisms. No more precariously balancing on a chair to reach the back of the top shelf (or discovering expired snacks you forgot existed).

If you've embraced the open kitchen trend, a ceiling-mounted rack above the sink can make up for the storage you lost when you ditched that wall. And don't ignore the backsplash—hooks, pegboards, and magnetic strips can turn it into prime real estate for utensils and spice jars.

On the countertop, stackable storage racks let you neatly arrange two appliances, while a coffee machine base with built-in compartments keeps your capsules and sachets in check. When space is tight, thinking vertically is the way up—literally.

2 Countertop space

Now that you've made the most of your vertical space, it's time to turn your attention to the countertop. Once you factor in the sink, hob, and dish rack, it might feel like there's barely any room left for prep work. The solution? Think outside the box.

Extendable counters are a game-changer. Pullout, drop-leaf, or gateleg mechanisms can instantly expand your prep space, though it's worth planning ahead to avoid blocking walkways when they're deployed.

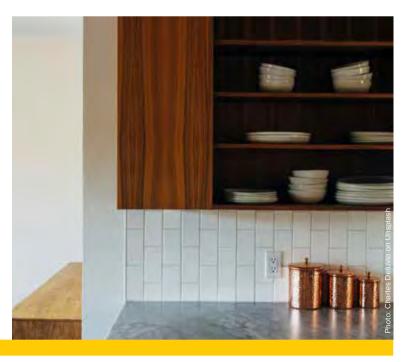
For added flexibility, consider a mini mobile island that can be tucked beneath the counter when not in use. It's not just extra workspace—it's also sneaky storage for things like laundry hampers. Come hotpot night, it moonlights as a serving trolley, rolling from kitchen to dining table like a pro.

Alternatively, why not merge a kitchen island with a dining table? It might sound counterintuitive when space is tight, but the dual function makes it a smart, space-saving solution.



PRO TIP Maximise your kitchen's flexibility with a mini mobile island that easily tucks under the counter when not in use.





3 Multifunctional appliances

When space is limited, every appliance needs to earn its keep. The MVP? Multifunctional appliances that do more with less space.

Take the humble 2-in-1 washer and dryer. Go for a front-load model to free up space above for storage—or, better yet, swap it for a tabletop dishwasher and retire from dish duty entirely.

Then there's the microwave toaster oven—a single unit that reheats, bakes, and crisps. Need something even more versatile? A multicooker does it all: grill, steam, bake, roast, pressure cook, air fry, slow cook, and fry. It's basically a sous chef in disguise.

And if you're already considering an electric kettle, why not upgrade to a compact water dispenser? Hooked directly to your water supply, it delivers hot, cold, or room-temperature water on demand—no boiling, no waiting, no fuss.

4 Appliance garages

Appliance garages are the way to go for designconscious folks. These storage compartments hide small appliances when they're not in use—perfect if your kettle, toaster, and blender look like they belong in three different homes.

But aren't they just glorified storage units? Not quite—if you design them right. The magic lies in the closure mechanisms: pocket doors, roll-up panels, and lift-up flaps all do the trick, but rollout shelves are superior.

With rollout shelves, you can use appliances—yes, even steam-venting ones—without hauling them onto the worktop. Just slide them out when needed and tuck them away once you're done. Install power sockets inside the garage, and you'll never have to juggle plugs or risk a countertop traffic jam again.

5 Visual weight

When every corner is packed with storage and gadgets, your kitchen can start to look like a Tetris game gone wrong. This visual clutter is especially noticeable in small apartments, where the kitchen often greets you at the door.

The fix? Thoughtful design choices that lighten the visual load. Start with your cabinets: tinted or reeded glass doors keep things bright and airy while hiding any chaos within.

Hardware can also add to the clutter, so swap chunky handles for recessed or tic-tac options. The fewer protrusions, the sleeker your space will look.

As for colour, keep it simple. Neutral or monochromatic palettes work best—two or three complementary shades will do the trick. Remember, kitchen activity naturally introduces some clutter, so a cohesive colour scheme keeps the space feeling calm, not chaotic.

PRO TIP

Keep your kitchen looking calm and clutter-free by sticking to a simple colour scheme. Neutral or monochromatic palettes work best—just two or three complementary shades will do the trick.





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The initiative, titled *Illuminate Our City with Love*, was designed to encourage the public to witness Gain City's donation of the minivan and take part in the spirit of giving. Through this effort, Gain City aimed to educate, inspire, and motivate individuals to cultivate kindness, fostering a culture where generosity becomes second nature.

To further raise awareness and inspire the public, Gain City introduced the Towel Bundle, a thoughtfully designed item available across its showrooms and retail stores island-wide. This initiative serves as a symbol, encouraging people to reflect on the impact of kindness and consider how they could contribute to their own communities.





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