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A modern classical theme transformed a humble Yishun five-roomer into a plush setting worthy of royalty.

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The classical-themed dining room is balanced by the quirky and modern water-filled hanging lamp.
ABOVE A table clock with floral motifs is one of the owner's choice picks from her European travels.
OPPOSITE A classical-style lounge chair and chandelier make the living room softly glamorous.



For bachelorette Angelina Sui, home is a charmingly feminine haven, filled with her collectibles, knick-knacks and personal touches. The product manager's 1,300sqf, five-room HDB flat in Yishun Central was conceived with the help of Jonathan Liew, design manager of Ernest Interiors & Renovation.

"Angelina had a lot of ideas for her home. Our challenge was to refine them and transform them into reality," says Ernest. The homeowner had asked for a strictly classical theme, which eventually morphed into something more modern – a streamlined interior highlighted by classical touches. Key furnishings like the TV console, side tables, lounge chair, dining set and ceiling cornice all feature classical-style mouldings.

Done up in an all-white colour scheme with just a few colourful accents, the home has a dreamy, fairytale-like feel. Feminine textures and accents were incorporated through furry white cushions and a fluffy white rug in the living room as well as flowered door knobs on the French doors leading to the kitchen.

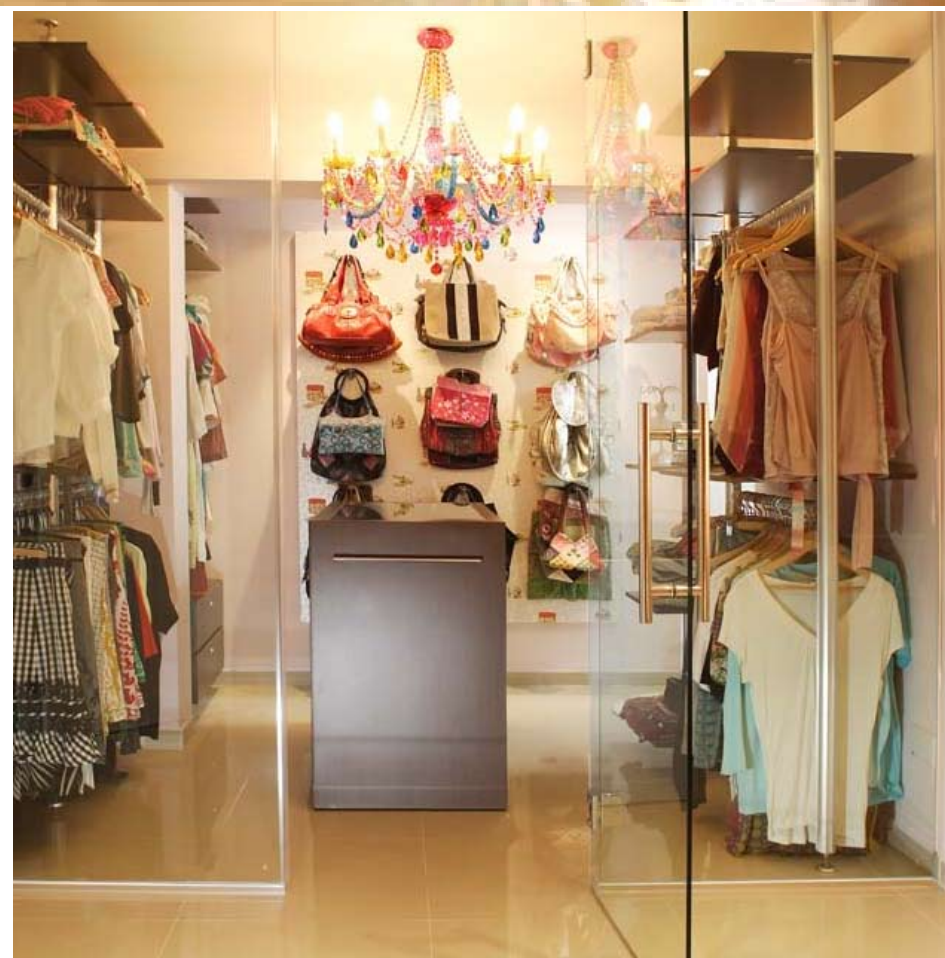


The circular double bed and red accent wall bring cosiness and drama to the master bedroom. **BELOW** The walk-in wardrobe looks just like a miniature boutique. **OPPOSITE** The feminine classical theme is extended to the dressing corner.

To avoid a dated, over-the-top look, the classical furnishings are balanced by modern touches: A test-tube vase shares space with a white glass chandelier in the living room, while a unique water-filled hanging lamp above the dining table has crystals submerged inside. "There is a really tough balancing act involved in pouring water into the lamp!" reveals Angelina with a laugh.

Angelina has a weakness for collectable knick-knacks, and big display cabinets were built for this purpose. In the kitchen, a glass display cabinet shows off her Coke bottle and delicate tea set collections. In the second bedroom, a gallery was built to house her Swatch collection, and features a quirky wallpaper and glass doors to protect it. "This display is still a work in progress, as I've not had the time to put up all my Swatch watches yet," adds Angelina. A spacious shoe cabinet that can contain up to 96 pairs of shoes was built at the foyer area.

The *piece de resistance* of the apartment is really the luxurious master bedroom, which was created by combining two bedrooms into one. It features a spacious open-concept bathroom with a jacuzzi tub that likewise is the result of combining two bathrooms; and as Angelina had specifically asked for a circular theme, the double bed, bathtub and even the mirror in the bathroom are round. The master bedroom looks into the glass walls of



ROSY HUES MIXED WITH FEMININE CURVES IN THE FURNISHINGS MAKE CLEAR THIS IS A WOMAN'S SPACE.



GLASS PANELS, MIRRORS
AND GLEAMING SURFACES
BRIGHTEN UP THE BATHROOM.

ABOVE The round jacuzzi bathtub, round mirror and glass-clad pillars add luxury to the master bathroom.

the bathroom and also the glass doors of almost every woman's dream – a stunning walk-in wardrobe built to look like a boutique!

A wall panel plastered with cute printed wallpaper serves as a rack to hang Angelina's handbags, while a display cabinet installed right in the middle showcases jewellery Angelina had made out of semi-precious stones. "I've made up to 200 pieces of jewellery a year in the past. My friends sometimes buy pieces when they come over!" she reveals. Her clothes hang on racks built alongside the walls, and to complete the glamorous boutique feel, a multi-coloured glass chandelier hangs in the wardrobe.

A see-through wardrobe is only for the spick and span though. "We didn't know if it would turn out nicely at first, as wardrobes can get cluttered easily, but Angelina has the discipline to keep it very tidy," smiles Jonathan.

This home is a dream pad for tea parties and chit-chats with one's best girlfriends. Like all swinging bachelorettes who know how to embrace the good life, Angelina has her friends over at her home ever so often simply to chill out and have fun.

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