

small comforts

Cutting edge designer Johnny Wong, owner of FAK3, demonstrates how a lack of space in this Sheung Wan apartment doesn't mean cramping on style

創意非凡的設計師兼FAK3的老闆Johnny Wong大顯身手，
在上環的狹小住所內打造出別具特色的裝潢

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650 sq ft





Location:
Sheung Wan

Floor area:
650 sq ft

Specifics:
1 bed, 1 bath

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the dining table has been cleverly custom made to fit in the nook under the cutlery cabinet, and can fold out to seat up to four

opposite: stylishly decked in wood and marble, the spacious washroom is equipped with an enviable rain shower and towel warmer

left to right: the cosy living room has made the most of a corner, with a custom made L-shaped plush sofa; functional and compact, the living-dining area is perfect for a bachelor

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The common dilemma we are often faced with in Hong Kong is how to make the most of space. It's thus an educational experience to venture into the newly opened Kush 222 apartments on Hollywood Road, to see how interior designer Johnny Wong has transformed each unit's 650-sq-ft space into a functional home.

650 sq ft may be the size of most people's living rooms, or even a bigger en suite bedroom, but this space at Kush has managed to encompass a huge master bedroom, floor-to-ceiling wardrobes, a long wooden work bench and chair, a sizeable washroom with an open glass shower, kitchen and cosy living area. Space has been fully capitalised by the use of sliding doors and walls – swinging doors take up much needed area – while the strategically placed mirrored panels lining the wardrobes double as a full length mirrors as well as emphasise the illusion of openness.

Says James Troughton, an analyst for a property development company who has been living in this apartment for three months, "It's particularly appealing to bachelors because the design is simple yet functional, and filled with all the gadgets every guy loves." He is referring to the Bose surround sound system, Bang and Olufsen phone, 42-inch plasma television, light fantastic mood lighting and Lutron dimmer systems, that have been incorporated into the interior.

香港很多人也面對一個常見的難題，就是應如何善用居所的空間。今次我們能採訪荷里活道新開的Kush 222，看看室內設計師Johnny Wong如何把每個650平方呎的空間變成多功能的家，真有如上了寶貴的一課，並見證了細小空間也能擁有出色的佈局和裝潢。

對於很多人來說，650呎可能只是他們家的客廳面積，又或是較寬敞的套房；但Johnny憑著他過人的創意和才華，能在這種細小的空間之內打造出一間大主人套房、高天花板的衣櫃、木製長工作桌椅、配有玻璃淋浴間的浴室、廚房及一個舒適的客廳，設備齊全，而且每個空間都不會顯得狹小，全因他聰明地運用趟門和牆壁——相比下掩門會佔用更多空間——還有特別安排的鏡牆和鏡面衣櫃，組合成一面寬闊的鏡子，加強了空間的開揚感覺。

於地產發展公司擔任分析員的James Troughton已在這裡住了3個多月，他對這裡的一切也甚感滿意。「這居所的設計簡約而富功能性，而且安裝了很多小機件，特別適合和吸引單身男性。」他所指的小機件包括Bose環迴立體聲音響系統、Bang and Olufsen電話、42吋等離子電視機、能營造不同情調的燈飾及可調校光暗的Lutron燈飾系統。

當問到最喜歡家中哪個部份時，James第一時間指向睡床。「床單、枕套、披子和枕頭都是設計師特別挑選，質感很是舒服，睡覺時就像置身於大自然之中。此外，我也十分喜愛設計師在屋內安裝的電暖毛巾機，每朝當我醒來時也能使用乾爽而溫暖的毛巾，真是一種舒適的享受。」

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But when asked his favourite aspect of the home, Troughton is quick to point out the bed. "The sheets, linens, duvet and pillows the designer chose are so comfortable and it's like sleeping on marshmallows. I also love the fact that he installed a towel warmer in the apartment, so my towels not only stay dry but are nice and warm for when you wake up in the morning."

While the main palette is modern and minimalist, the designer has also added funky elements to reflect Hong Kong culture. These take the form of golden dai pai dong stools, one used on each side of the L-shaped sofa as a lamp base and the other as a magazine rack. The neon lights and an urban mural that spans the front door also bring to mind the city's sparkling street signs at night. "Johnny has a very edgy style and he likes to put his own twist and themes on projects," Troughton muses. "For example, in my apartment, he has used resin to create decorative items such as a black bunny rabbit ornament, which adds fun and funk to the space."

Another aspect the homeowner really appreciates is the compactness of the design. Every corner of the apartment has been utilised to create as much concealed storage as possible, the washing machine is neatly stored under kitchen cabinets, while the dining table and chairs have been custom made to fit in a nook under mirrored cupboards that hold flatware and utensils. The table can fold out and extend to seat four people, when necessary. "The clever focus on design here makes me want to show it off to friends all the time," Troughton beams.

居所的主色調以現代和簡約為主，設計師亦同時加入了一些有趣的元素，帶出香港獨有的特色和文化。其中一個就是大排檔常用的圓摺椅，不過這裡的是金色的款式，一張放在客廳內的L型沙發旁，用來擺放一盞奪目的黑色矮燈，而另一張則倒轉放於沙發的另一端作雜誌架之用，十分特別。除了傢具之外，室內的射燈和前門上方的時尚壁燈同樣別具特色，到了晚上時更會令人聯想到香港街道上那些璀璨奪目的霓虹燈。「Johnny的設計極為出色，他喜歡把自己獨特的創意和意念加入設計之中。」James說：「舉個例子，在我的住所之內，他利用樹脂來創製了一些裝飾擺設物品，包括白色的植物和一隻黑色的賓尼兔擺設等，能為居所注入趣味性和藝術感。」

屋主對居所的讚賞不止於此，室內裝潢的精緻設計亦是James深感滿意的元素。在這個細小的空間內，每一個角落也給好好運用，例如洗衣機給擺放在廚櫃之下，餐桌和椅子則是特別訂造，能收納在存放碗碟和器皿的鏡飾杯櫃之下；而當有親朋來訪時可把餐桌伸展，足夠4人使用。James也笑說：「這些聰明而細緻的設計讓我常常想請朋友回家，炫耀一下。」擁有這種集舒適和功能於一屋的居所，又怎能不讓好友們一開眼界呢？❖

THE LIST:

Lighting 燈飾: Lutron

Black lamp 黑色矮燈: FAK3

Kitchen appliances 廚房電器: Smeg

Sound system 音響系統: Bose

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opposite: full length mirrored panes conceal storage cupboards, and create the illusion of extra room.

clockwise from top left: a long wooden work bench holds more cabinets for storage, as well as desktop space, mood lighting has been installed on either side of the bed for a sensory experience anytime of the day, the Bang & Olufsen phone is stylish while accessories such as the black resin bunny adds funk to the surroundings.

對頁圖: 圓長的鏡子之後是儲物櫃，更能增加空間的開揚感。
順時針方向，左上圖: 長長的木板能容納更多儲物空間，也能成為書桌的工作面；睡床的兩邊裝有情緒燈飾，令睡房的格調更迷人；Bang & Olufsen電話設計時尚，而黑色賓尼兔擺設等的配飾則為空間增添有趣感覺。