

Location	Size	Design Firm
Diamond Hill	300 sq.ft	MIW



# Flying Solo

A modest bachelor pad that makes every inch count  
鑽石山單身窩居，活出一個人的品味生活

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## CLIENT BRIEF

The homeowner moved out of his parents' place to live on his own for the first time, still uncertain about his home preferences. All he wanted was enough space to display his figurine collection and room to entertain. So, he and MIW collaborated on the home design to discover a lifestyle that was uniquely his.

屋主第一次從父母家搬出來獨自生活，尚在摸索自己的家居風格。他只希望能在新居隨心所欲地展示模型收藏，同時有足夠空間招呼朋友。因此他與MIW合作，在設計過程中共同探索屬於自己的生活面貌。

## REFONFIGURATION

The designer added a bi-folding door to transform the open-plan layout into a one-bedroom set-up. Since the toilet originally faced the main entrance, the designer swapped the toilet and shower room and replaced the bathroom door with a sliding door. This redesign creates a more visually open and inviting space as you walk in.

原有的開放式佈局被劃分成一房單位。設計師在客廳和睡房之間添加一面牆，並於牆上開一扇雙摺門。由於浴室正對大門，設計師為浴室換上趟門，同時將廁所和淋浴間的位置對調，讓甫進大門時視覺感更加開闊。

## CONCEPT & STYLE

“Since this is the homeowner's first time moving out and living alone, he's still figuring out what suits him best,” says Johnny Shum, founder of MIW. “As a designer, my job was to walk with him along the way and help him find the lifestyle that clicks for him through my design.”

The home is equal parts fresh and serene, with plenty of “white spaces” for the homeowner to personalise over time. The living and dining areas sport a two-tone wall with indigo on the lower half. “This is an effortless trick to visually expand the space.”



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To accommodate large gatherings while maintaining some privacy, a bi-folding door has been installed between the living zone and the bedroom. When open, the living room feels a great deal more spacious. As this is the first time the homeowner gets to show off his favourite collection, display racks have been added throughout for his figurines.

“It’s key to walk clients through the process because sometimes what they think they want, isn’t what they truly need,” Shum explains. “Think storage space. Everyone thinks they need a lot of it, but is that really the case? Or do they need more display options? We need to listen carefully to what our clients truly want.”

MIW創辦人Johnny Shum表示：「這是屋主第一次獨自生活，還在摸索適合自己的生活方式。作為設計師，我的工作就是陪他一起探索，透過設計協助他展現生活態度，打造專屬於他的理想家居。」

單位在活力與愜意之間取得平衡，並刻意保留大量留白空間，讓屋主日後自行打扮。客飯廳以一面雙色牆連接，牆身下半部分塗上靛藍色，「這個簡易技巧有助於擴大視覺空間。」Johnny補充說。

為了在招呼朋友的同時保持私隱，設計師為睡房安裝一扇雙摺門，當門打開時，睡房與客廳在視覺上連接起來，擴大空間感。設計師亦在單位各處融入不同展示方案，讓屋主能盡情擺放心愛之物。

「作為設計師，引領客戶完成整個設計過程非常重要，因為有時他們以為自己想要的，其實並非他們真正需要的。」Johnny解釋道。「例如儲物空間。不少人認為自己需要很多收納空間，但事實真的如此嗎？還是他們需要更多展示方案？我們需要仔細聆聽、並聽懂客戶的真正需求。」

### CHALLENGE

Creating distinct zones within a small space is challenging. Yet without these zones, the sense of home would be diminished. Additionally, there are many architectural quirks here that can’t be altered. Enhancing the home’s uniqueness and to inspire the homeowner to develop his own lifestyle is yet another challenge.

要在這個小巧單位劃分出獨立區域並不容易，但如果沒有清晰區域，則會削弱家的感覺，在兩者之間取得平衡別具挑戰。而且單位內不少建築元素無法改動，這對設計也構成一定限制。另外，如何增強單位獨特性，從而啟發客戶發展專屬個人生活風格，亦是挑戰之一。

### SOLUTION

The home is zoned by ceiling lines. A false ceiling with concealed light fixtures was created in the dining area, contrasting with the high ceiling and exposed lighting in the living room to define the spaces. Magnetic and adjustable spotlights were chosen to delineate zones while maintaining flexibility. The bedroom features an accent wall in the homeowner’s favourite colour, and the living room uses a more subdued indigo to tie the areas together, with white space left above for the homeowner to personalise over time.

設計師因而透過天花板線條劃分不同區域，更為飯廳位置打造假天花，並用上隱藏式燈具，與客廳高天花和明裝燈具形成對比，從而劃分不同空間。設計師特意選用磁吸式及可調校角度的射燈，明確分區，同時保持靈活性。睡房床背採用屋主喜歡的顏色作為特式牆，客廳亦選用其中較沉穩的靛藍色貫穿各個區域，同時於上方留白，預留空間讓客人繼續發掘心頭好，建立專屬個人風格。

## Tips

### JUST LEAVE IT

If you don’t know what to put there, just leave it blank. Decorating your pad is a marathon. You don’t need to rush and fill up every inch right away. Allow yourself some time. You’ll figure it out.

### 留白之美

如果暫時不知道在家中該放什麼，就讓它空著吧。裝飾家居是一個漫長的過程，不需要急於一次過填滿家中每個角落。給自己一點時間，總會找到合適的裝飾。

### GET A ROOM

No matter how small, make sure you give yourself a bedroom. This is super important for making your space feel like a real home.

### 睡房不能少

不論空間大小，一定要擁有一間獨立睡房。這對營造家的感覺非常重要。

