

SINGAPORE

# HOME & DECOR

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AWARDS FOR INTERIOR DESIGN EXCELLENCE

## Reno + Interiors 2025

CREATE LIVING SPACES THAT FEEL UNIQUELY YOURS

**STYLE**
GLOBAL EXPERTS REVEAL THE 15 HOTTEST APARTMENT TRENDS FOR 2025

**PLAN**
ELEVATE YOUR LIVING ROOM WITH THESE LIGHTING TECHNIQUES

**RENO**
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**MULTIPURPOSE ON PURPOSE**

"We designed this home study to be a flexible space that suits both of our clients' needs," says designer Lucy Harris. "The wife often works from home, while the husband requested multiple spots throughout the apartment where he could nap. As more people spend time at home, multifunctional spaces are becoming a priority, allowing for flexibility without sacrificing style."

Creating versatile living spaces is especially beneficial in an apartment space and designing a multifunctional study can be achieved even within limited square footage. Start by incorporating versatile furniture like a fold-out desk or a daybed, which can serve as both a workspace and a comfortable place to nap. Layer in soft furnishings, such as cushions and throws, to create a cosy, inviting atmosphere. To add personality without overwhelming the room, consider covering an entire wall with a unique wallpaper design or even a mural. Patterns in calming colours, such as shades of green, can unify the space and add depth, while also enhancing a sense of relaxation.



**FINDING WELLNESS AND RELAXATION AT HOME**

"In a society marked by uncertainty and conflict, wellness design in 2025 will become an essential trend, with the home serving as an anchor for what we hold dear," says designer Gudbjørg Simonsen. "Nature has a profound healing power, which is why I recommend using natural materials like wood and landscape-inspired wallpaper. By thoughtfully balancing light and shadow, you can create an intimate, calming atmosphere that nurtures well-being. Today, the need for safe, health-promoting environments is more important than ever."

Incorporating wellness design elements is achievable, even in smaller spaces. Start with natural materials such as wooden furniture, bamboo blinds, or stone decor to bring earthy textures indoors. A reclaimed wood coffee table or woven baskets can add subtle warmth, while also enhancing sustainability.

Consider using nature-inspired wallpaper or accent walls that feature organic patterns or soothing, natural colours. Look for tones like soft greens, warm browns, or gentle blues that evoke the tranquillity of the outdoors, creating a visual retreat.

Pay attention to lighting to cultivate a relaxing ambience—choose warm, adjustable lighting fixtures, and add sheer curtains to let in diffused natural light during the day. At night, dimmable lamps or candles can help create an inviting, serene atmosphere. Small touches like potted plants or even herbs by the kitchen window also connect the space with nature, adding both aesthetic and wellness benefits.

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