

COTTAGE CONTEMPORARY

Glorious natural sunlight and a creamy white surfaces come together, resulting in a charming modern interpretation of Victorian interiors



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Name Of Designer: **LEE AND DESIGN TEAM**
 Designation: **INTERIOR DESIGNER**
 Project Type: **RESIDENTIAL**
 Project Location: **MERU VALLEY, IPOH**
 Site Area (sq ft): **1,500**
 Completion Date: **2018**
 Photographer: **IAN**

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Inspired by the idyllic greenery and 27-hole golf course surrounding the neighbourhood of resort homes in Meru Valley, designer Lee and his team seized this opportunity to complement the slower pace of the area, giving this home a dreamy interior reminiscent of English vacation cottages. To begin with, the designers created a simple background by painting the walls and ceilings in white, as well as using light-coloured tiles and timber flooring. Onto this blank canvas, they then layered multiple textures for visual interest.



Florals abound, popping up in armchair and throw cushion fabrics, intricate tiles on stair risers and backsplashes, and even the occasional bunch of fresh blooms. Several rugs with elaborate floral designs are laid out at strategic locations like stair landings and beneath the dining table to amplify the sense of arrival. A set of wicker furniture, consisting of an armchair, sofa and rocking chair, add to the breezy conservatory feel in a sunny terrace overlooking Meru Valley's rolling countryside landscape. The viewer is further drawn into the relaxed mood of the interior through paintings depicting pastoral scenes and warmly lit town streets.





Leather sofas in the living room are arranged around the television - the modern-day centrepiece of the living room. The boxed-up structure harks back to the fireplaces in European homes, where families and friends gather around to talk and share stories at the end of the day.

Other ornate pieces placed around the home include glass-fronted curio cabinets, button tufted furniture, and a wooden grandfather's clock - the latter being one of the only reminders that time does not stand still in this peaceful abode.



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