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Rock Robins designs a timeless living space for a family of four

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Many condo unit owners love the sky-high lifestyle as everything is within reach: from malls, restaurants, to gyms, and even hospitals. One avid fan of living in a condo is the wife of this household.

"I cannot imagine living in a village. In our condo, we won't have to worry about security or maintenance. When you go downstairs everything's there, it's so convenient!" shares the lady of the house. She resides in this 157-square meter unit together with her husband and two daughters.

The family owns a house near the area which is currently being renovated. Upon completion, the family will move back and have this unit rented out. "But I really like it here!" jokingly whimpers the wife. As the unit will be up for rental in the near future, the married couple wanted it designed to appeal to a lot of potential renters. "We want to make it timeless because once our house is fixed we'll move out and have it rented. We didn't want it to be dated like say if we chose industrial or traditional style, we wanted something that would appeal to possible tenants," the wife explains.

To fulfill the design they wanted, the couple hired interior designer Rock Robins to help them create an elegant living space. Before they asked help from Rock, the couple hired another to design the unit. However, just weeks before its turnover, the designer failed to deliver. The couple looked for another interior designer online and came across Rock's projects and designs.



In the living room, Rock installed wall moldings to mimic the style of classic interiors. Adorning the walls are bright paintings of Romulo Olazo



**SIT AND
DIVIDE**

To split spaces without walls, you can use furniture to create the illusion of dividing the areas. Rock does this by positioning a lounge chair between the dining and living

NEIGHBORS



THEME PLAYER

Place furniture pieces and home décor that match the color of your favorite artworks for a smooth visual flow



Rock Robins anchored the theme of the guest room with the two Arturo Luz paintings on the wall **Left:** The dining area exudes a balanced look with the round table contrasting with the sharp edges of the wall frames

After Rock took over the renovation, the spacious unit has been transformed into the space the couple finally wanted. Now, the unit looks timeless with neutral colors and contemporary furniture pieces. What makes this unit even more special is the vast painting collection of the married couple. Artworks of renowned Filipino artists such as Jose T. Joya, Arturo Luz, Mauro “Malang” Santos, and Romulo Olazo are displayed in the home.

Ideally, clients tell designers ahead of time if they have collections that they would like to flaunt off. However, the wife informed Rock about their painting collections just two weeks before turnover. “She never showed me any of her paintings before at all!” recounts Rock. The designer was already accessorizing the unit when the lady of the house told him about the paintings. “I was like, ‘oh no’. Luckily we had lots of empty walls so we were able to hang everything,” shares the designer.

The unit houses three bedrooms, each designed with a different personality and purpose. At the farthest part of the unit is the children's bedroom, it exudes a bright and girly appeal through its quirky accessories. The guest room takes after the same neutrals in the living area but with pops of color inspired by the paintings. The master's was maintained neutral for a relaxing and laid back feel. "I love staying in my room especially when the windows are open. My view looks amazing during sunset; I can see Manila Bay," the wife says.

With Rock's design touches and the family's personality and art collection, this unit was transformed into a contemporary cozy getaway. The couple is more than happy they got a designer who was able to save their unit from the dread of the previous designer. "The reason why we hired Rock is because we felt comfortable enough to trust him. His taste matches ours," the wife concludes. After the unit was turned into a comfy unit with timeless flairs, the wife is now more reluctant to depart from the condo life.

However, we are sure that should this unit be rented out once they move back to their home, a new family will love this unit as their home as much as the owners have. **CL**



The master's bedroom is kept simple and neutral for a timeless appeal. On the left wall is an abstract painting by Jose T. Joya **Left:** The kids' bedroom exudes a playful appeal through its vivid colors and patterns. The bed sheets in pastel blue and pink are complemented by the kiddie chairs in bright pink and purple

This unit was transformed into a contemporary yet cozy getaway

COLOR PLANNING

Keep children's rooms anchored on neutral colors. Let accessories, linens, and toys add life to the space. This makes the room easier to update when the kids grow up