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A plum find

Greens and purples brighten up this cheerful Cloud9 model — outfitted entirely from Ikea *By Lisa Van de Ven*

His mission (and he did decide to accept it): furnish the two-bedroom-plus-den model suite at Cloud9 Condominiums exclusively from Ikea. All for a budget of \$7,500 (and that includes taxes). “We usually can’t even do a single room for that kind of money, let alone a two-bedroom apartment,” says interior designer Paul Davies. He succeeded, though, keeping a young, first-time buyer in mind by creating a cheerful vibe with punches of bright green and purple, punctuating a neutral background. The biggest challenge, in fact? Putting all of that furniture together. “It took a couple of days,” says the designer, who worked with his team from Tanner Hill & Associates. Suites at Cloud9, by Lash Group of Companies, range from 515 to 920 square feet and from the low \$200,000s to the mid \$300,000s. The sales office is located at 60 Esther Lorrie Dr., Etobicoke, and is open Monday to Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. and weekends from noon to 5 p.m. Call 416-747-0199 or visit cloud9condos.ca.

1 “The purple added that extra dimension,” Mr. Davies says of the second accent colour he chose to match with the suite’s vibrant green. This modular wall unit was the perfect pairing, in its deep lilac shade. “It’s a new colour [Ikea] brought in, so they had everything we needed.”

2 Accessories create personality throughout the space: A collection of vases carries through the unit’s accent shades, while simple white cotton ottomans offer extra seating without taking up too much space. “They were going to be ponyskin, but the budget didn’t allow it,” Mr. Davies adds.

3 Neutrals balance out the suite’s bright colours — like this grey-toned sofa, with its “toothy texture.” “It complements the other textures, like the velvet curtains and smooth leather chair,” Mr. Davies says. He couldn’t keep the sofa completely neutral, though: The designer punched it up with bright accent pillows.

4 While the sofa-side lamps may feature simple white shades, a matchstick design in a variety of bright hues catches the eye and complements the colourful suite. The side table underneath one, meanwhile, adds versatility: Designed with wheels, it can double as a bar cart.

5 A white lacquer bed with a slanted headboard adds contrast against a bright green accent wall in the master bedroom. Purple sheets and “the perfect bedspread” — patterned in purple and green, of course — complete the look, blending with the colours of the floor-length drapes.

6 The same modular unit used in the living room makes another appearance in the bedroom, this time in white instead of purple, with a different configuration to act as a dresser. “Getting it off the floor gives the illusion of space underneath,” says the designer.