

# How a Simple Table Transformed This Home



This spacious kitchen takes up a large portion of architect couple Tomoko Sasaki and Kei Sato's Tokyo apartment, which they renovated to create a more flexible format, stripping back the entire home and removing all partition walls.

At the center of the restructured space is the kitchen, which Sasaki and Sato, who head up Japanese studio 8 Tenhachi, knew would be the heart of their home. Because of this, they decided to create one fluid area for cooking, entertaining, working, and relaxing together as a family. Key to this is a long table made from Japanese cedar: a multi-functional piece of furniture that acts as a dining area, work surface, and desk (for kids and adults alike).

The hybrid piece, which can seat up to 20 people, is an ideal fit for this versatile space. On the far wall, floor-to-ceiling cupboards prevent kitchen equipment from encroaching on the living area, while shelving suspended over the counter allows everyday utensils and crockery to be kept within easy reach.