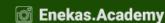
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When you think how old *Ideal Home* is (nearly 100), it's surprising that it hasn't had its own range of homeware for years already. But, we've finally got there! We've spent months secretly working on it with the super-talented design team at Very.co.uk and this month is the grand unveiling.

We've stuck to *Ideal Home*'s perennial style themes: country; retro-modern; Scandi; hotel chic and grown-up glamour – the 'permatrends' that evolve from year to year. My tip: the upholstery is the star of the show (I've sat on it...) – beautifully made by craftsmen in Lancashire and designed to become part of the family for years. Turn to pages 18 and 78 to see more

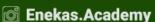


WHERE TO BUY Zinc accent armchair, £349; Eyelash mirror, £149; glass side table from nest of two, £99; Greenwich table lamp, £59; rug, £149; all Ideal Home range, Very.co.uk

















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IN OCTOBER

You deserve... a luxurious bed

Winter is coming! Time to get your bedroom ready for some hardcore sleeping in, early nights and super-cosy box set bingeing with a bed that's fit for a diva...

Cream embroidered fur cushion; grey embroidered fur cushion, £29.50 each; grey embroidered fur throw, £149; silver diamond quilt cushion, £12; Shibori bedlinen, from £25 for a single set; feather print cushion, £25; watercolour lines print cushion, £19.50; sparkle cushion, £35; Darcy bed, £649; Dalton sideboard, £549; dappled glass vase, £19.50; Bree pendant, £49.50; hydrangea florat wall art, £25; all Marks & Spencer.

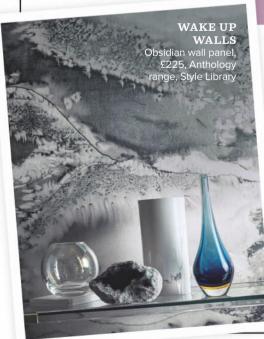














SPARKLE

Cut glass star lantern,

£17.50, Marks & Spencer





SMOKIN' CURVES The Lovers Herringbone tweed chair, £499, Rockett St George





WHAT'S NEW















DELTA DECORATIVE WEAVES











REED TO ROUP

We've been shamelessly snooping around the shops, so you don't miss a single thing that matters...

WE KEEP SEEING...

VELVET TUB CHAIRS

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We've had a baby!

(sort of...)

We're feeling a bit like proud parents here at IH HQ, 'cos we've finally achieved our dream of creating a collection of furniture and homeware and it was about nine months in the making! We got together with Very to come up with five themes, based on the timeless looks we love the most. The pieces in each look are collectable, but work with all the other looks, too, so you can mix them up in your own style.

See more on pages 18 and 78.

SAINSBURY'S IS THE SPOOKIEST

We just had to take a moment to appreciate the fine array of creative Hallowe'en party decs available at Sainsbury's. Everything to make a party go with a boo, from the furry and friendly characters for kids to grown-up ghoulish party pieces... including a seriously creepy

raven skeleton.





WHAT'S NEW





SO WORTH THE WAIT

With one wallpaper launch a year, the new Clarke & Clarke collections always have us rethinking our walls. Botanica is no exception – designs range from bold, blowsy vintage florals to delicate feathers and botanicals. Hand-marbled paper, precious stone effects and hand-drawn beetles and butterflies have an element of Victorian discoveries. From £39 per roll.

IDEAL

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SOFT FOCUSOrrico hammered aluminium side table, £130, Habitat



SILVER SERVICE
Artisan hammered side table,
\$89. JD Williams



YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST!

Until now, Matalan has only dabbled with small-scale LED lighting, but that's about to change. They've nabbed lighting guru Sue Appleton to curate an exciting collection of design led lamps and pendant lights, without the high end price tags.









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> Isaac three-seater sofa in Rockpool washed linen, £2,040, Sofa.com

THE CORNER HUGGER

Start with this corner section, which will slot into an awkward space, and then connect to a chaise, footstool or one- to three-seat sections.

> Soderhamn corner section in Samsta light pink, £250, Ikea

THE SHORTLIST problem-solving SOFAS



Easily switch the chaise section from left to right by removing the cushions and switching the position of the attached footstool.

Aliso reversible corner chaise in navy, £650, Hygena range, Argos



Less than 2m wide with scaled-down proportions and removable arms, but stacks of style and more than 50 fabric choices.

> Lull large sofa in light grey, £499, Capsule collection, DFS



THE PET-PROOF ONE

Upholstered in rugged, wipeable leather with smart chrome legs that'll survive chewing and scratching.

Parker large leather three-seater sofa in light tan, £1,699, Next







THE **CUSTOMISABLE ONE**

Limitless size, reclining and design options, plus adjustable width increments of 20cm will give you the perfect fit for your home.

Jupiter corner sofa in Cognac Nevio, from £5,300, Rom





Big enough to fit the whole family, with a solid timber frame guaranteed for 10 years and added stain-guard protection available, too.

Achilles large sofa in thatch house fabric, £1,395, Loaf



THE DEEP ONE

A generous depth of 110cm, plus low arms and a roomy width of 210cm means the long-legged can lounge in comfort.

> Galloway large sofa in Navy linen blend, £3,099, Darlings of Chelsea



The sofa arrives in pieces and is assembled in your room, saving a battle through narrow corridors and doorways or up staircases.

Mortimer two-seater Easy Access in Elmore Check Silver, £1,800, Laura Ashley





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Love THAISA'S STYLE?

Turn to page 35 to shop the look



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You don't need lots of money to get a high-end look'

Having spent every penny on essential renovations to their period townhouse, Thaisa and Peter Box had to think creatively to finish the interior on a tight budget





Welcome to my home



Take a quick tour...



SECOND FLOOR





Thaisa Box lives here with her partner, Peter, and their children Kamalia, 14, and Rafferty, 13. They run a spa in Covent Garden, London.

THE PROPERTY

A four-bedroom 1900s end-of-terrace in Brighton, East Sussex.

VALUE Bought for £460,000 in 2015; now worth £750,000.

66 By the time we came to decorate, I had to get creative with the money we had left over 🤧

hen it came to decorating this four-bed townhouse in Brighton, Thaisa Box wanted her home to have an original, eclectic look, but it had to be done on a strict budget. 'The bulk of our money went on the renovation of the property, as the structure of the building required a lot of TLC,' she says.

'The layout was reconfigured as we relocated the kitchen, and we converted the loft, added two new bathrooms and redesigned the garden, too. So, when it came to the decorating and furnishing, we had to be creative and resourceful with what little cash was left over.' When Thaisa's friend Lisa Deller, an interior designer, heard about the project, she offered to help.

'My main focus had been on managing the build, which had been full on.' says Thaisa. 'When Lisa came on board, it became clear that she could save us money and get the look we wanted. She suggested that we went for a mixture of vintage and modern furniture, to give the house a stylish and interesting look, without breaking the bank.'

Thaisa and Peter started the bargain hunt, spending every weekend at car-boot sales, antiques fairs, flea markets and auctions. 'We were looking for key pieces of retro furniture that could be restored,' says Thaisa. 'We wanted good-quality, well-built items that were reasonably priced but could be made to look lovely again, and that had unusual features.'

The end result is a unique home filled with quirky but beautiful finds. 'Design-wise, I've been pushed out of my comfort zone with this house and gone in directions I didn't expect,' says Thaisa. 'But I love the little details in the furniture we've found, which have been brought to life with lots of love and hard work.'







REAL HOME



Use classy neutrals

The safest colours for an upmarket look are warm neutrals like the mushroom shade Thaisa chose for the kitchen units. 'I wanted a neutral that wouldn't look cold or clinical, and added an oak worktop for a more relaxed look,' she says.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Units, from £253 for a 600mm base unit, Parker Bathrooms & Kitchens. For a similar range cooker, try the Smeg SUK81MFX8 dual-fuel, £999, John Lewis. Wall tiles, £8.99 per sq m, Euro Tiles

Pick preloved bargains

The dining table, picked up at a carboot sale, has been stripped, stained and oiled, then the legs were painted a dark grey. Thaisa teamed it with old school chairs and Ikea seat pads.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar table, try the reclaimed Studio dining table, from £515, Home Barn

















Think big in small spaces

Who says small kitchens can't have an island? Pushed back to the wall, Thaisa's functions as a food-prep workstation. 'The kitchen is the first space guests walk into, and I wanted it to set the tone for the rest of the house,' she says. 'It's been decorated to represent the overall look and feel of our home.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For similar light fittings, try the large Cavendish pendant lights in chalk, £140, each Garden Trading









Don't be afraid of black

Nothing makes an impact like a pop of black. 'This is the only place we changed our colour scheme,' says Thaisa. 'We chose classic black for the woodwork and floor – we fell in love with the tiles, then worked the room around them.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Hexagonal Carbon infusion floor tiles, £102 per sq m; for similar herringbone wall tiles, try the Lustrum Electra Ivory-Panna wall tiles, £79 per sq m; both Topps Tiles. Round mirror with hanging strap, £65, John Lewis



66 Design-wise, I've been pushed out of

my comfort zone with this house and gone in directions I didn't expect, but you have to stick to your vision. If you compromise, you'll regret it later and want to redo it 99















MY GO-TO STORES...

- ZARA HOME 'Full of great basics like bedlinen'
- ABODE 'A local home store in Brighton with beautiful lighting and accessories'
- HABITAT 'MV go-to for linen and bedding'
- CABLE & **COTTON** 'Brighton based pick-andmix pom pom fairy light shop'



THAISA'S STYLE: MODERN ARTISAN

Natural textures and carefully curated finds with a Scandi edge make for a unique and cosy look



GOLDEN TOUCH Hutton round gold mirror, £300. The Chandelier & Mirror Company

NATURAL ELEMENT Grey barrel glazed table lamp, £85, Cox & Cox



RICH TONES Eppaloc cushion

cover, £39,

La Redoute

COOL COPPER Yoko 1 light pendant, £106.20, Dar Lighting



FAUX FOLIAGE

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RUSTIC REVIVAL Nilsson Rustica large reclaimed wood chest of drawers, £669, Modish Living

Atkin and Thyme

STYLIST'S TIP

66 Mix up rich shades of dark woods and warm hues to add interest to a neutral scheme 99

PARED-BACK

STYLE

Deco marble

coffee table, £249,

STEPHANIE DURRANT, CONTENT EDITOR





Modern neutral living room

THIS LOOK BLENDS STYLE SMARTS WITH A LAID-BACK FEEL THAT SITS JUST RIGHT IN A ROOM DESIGNED FOR LOUNGING

Walls in Hardwick White estate emulsion, £43.50 for 2.5ltr, Farrow & Ball. **Curtain** in Adisa Natural F0952/02, £60 per m, Clarke & Clarke. Antique Gold C659 sisal carpet, £49 per sq m, Crucial Trading. Dexter sofa in Lytham Natural, £1,439, Multiyork. Line Accent armchair in Capri Coral, £579, Furniture Village. Herzen coffee table, £279, Swoon Editions. Big Mucker bookcase, £465, Loaf. Hendix floor lamp, £80, Very. Shada **rug**, £895, Andrew Martin. Edwin side table, £275, Graham and Green. ON COFFEE TABLE Angular tea light holder, £9.50, Graham and Green. Fusion aztec vase, £22, John Lewis. Tall pot with fake succulent, £8, Neptune. Small pot with real succulent. £6.99. Homebase. For a similar bowl, try Lombok. ON SOFA Cushions, from left: Mono textured diamond, £18, Next; Indian Railway Dilim striped, £52; Beni Ourain, £65, Yonder Living; Crimson linen, £30, John Lewis; Creek charcoal zig zag, £42, Clarke & Clarke. ON CHAIR Herringbone throw, £89, Bronte by Moon range, John Lewis. Mali mudcloth cushion, £58, Yonder Living. ON SHELF Hurricane lantern, £14, Matalan.

Diamond concrete **pot**, £8.95, Graham and Green. Hanging succulent, £9.99, Homebase. Zig zag frame, £15, John Lewis. Copper round tea light holder, £14.95, Graham and Green. Wooden letter, £12, George Home. Ceramic bud vase, £8 for two, Matalan. Glass lantern, Next. Faux succulent, £4.99, TK Maxx, Cream plant pot, £6.99, Homebase. Bone frame in diamond print, £12, Graham and Green. For a similar bowl, try John Lewis. Havi bowl, £12, Habitat. Faux succulent, £8, Neptune. ARMCHAIR DETAIL Mali mudcloth cushion, £58, Yonder Living. Gunmetal console, £350, French Connection. Lydford lamp, £100, Next. For a similar vase, try the Abayam, £15; red bowl, £12; both Habitat. Concrete planter, from a selection, TK Maxx. ON FIREPLACE Salvage window mirror, £140, Next. Himalayas vase, £35, Yonder Living. Gold tea light holder, £14.95, Graham and Green. Faux succulent in pot, £8, Neptune. For a similar lantern, try the Fushion bamboo globe, £80, John Lewis. Print, Composition 10 in Black & White, Pier and Ocean, 1915 by Piet Mondrian, £25, King & McGaw



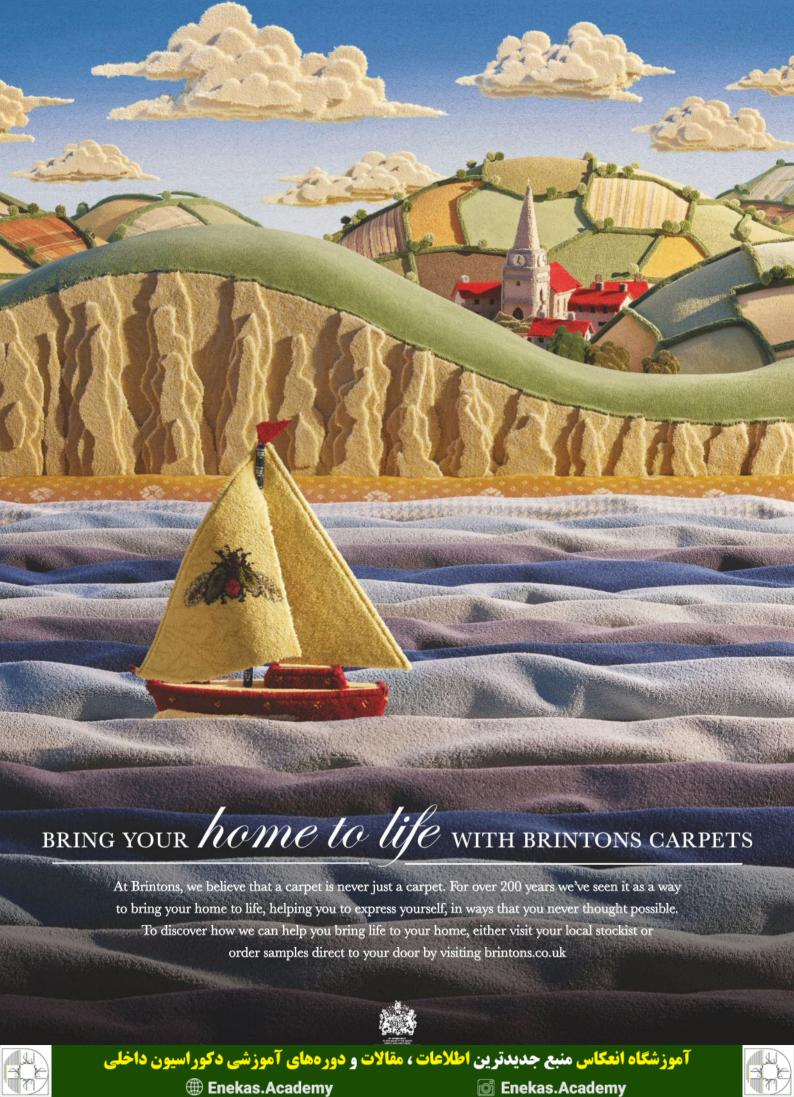












It's good to get out of your comfort zone?

Tesco's Head of Design, Steven Rowe, believes that taking risks and not getting stuck in a style rut are the keys to creating a beautiful and interesting home

teven worked for Laura Ashley, BHS and Marks & Spencer before heading up Tesco's design team. He lives in a village in Bedfordshire with his partner, designer Paul O'Donovan, and their fox terrier, Oscar.

We live in a 17th-century former mill house with lots of character.

It's full of beams and tiny Hobbitlike doors that you have to duck through. Despite living there for two years, we still manage to bash our heads every now and again! We're really lucky to live in such a wonderful house. Because we both travel a lot for work and can live in hotels for weeks at a time, having somewhere we can retreat to is such an enormous blessing.

We waited for two years before

decorating. In our previous Victorian house, we spent a fortune decorating it in keeping with the style of the era. We revamped the dining room into a beautifully formal space, but I don't think we used it more than once.

It's important not to be a slave to a trend. It's good to mix things up

a bit, even if it's a bit scary and out of your comfort zone. But, ultimately,









WHAT I'VE LEARNED

66 Measure furniture before you buy, especially vintage or antique

pieces! I've fallen foul of this so often – I buy something I love and then it's a nightmare to get it in the house! 99

what's going to happen if you don't get it right? You'll just change it, so it's not the end of the world. I once painted my living room grey and yellow, because I thought it was such a cool mix of shades. It really didn't work in the space and everyone kept telling me it looked horrible. Though I secretly agreed, I was in outward denial for ages before caving and painting over it!

If I really love something, I'll find a place for it in our home.

I guess you could call our style 'eclectic'. I kept the things that I really loved from previous homes and I'm happy to mix them up with other pieces – different styles, different eras... it doesn't matter. My style has changed a lot over the past decade. It's much more relaxed now.

Deep down, I'm a terrible

hoarder. I love buying pieces for my home, although I've learned to let go of things we don't need in the last few years. Having said that, I have a huge thing for wine glasses. In our kitchen, we have a huge floor-to-ceiling cupboard, packed full of them. No matter how many I have already, I'll keep buying wine glasses 'til the cows come home! And I'm a bit of a fiend for candles and lanterns. Paul often tells me off about all the smoke marks our candles leave on our white walls.

My pet hate is curtains.

In my opinion, they're expensive, ridiculous, dusty and just very messy looking. One of the first things we did after we moved in was to get shutters fitted in every room – pale grey shutters on each window and black ones for the master bedroom.

Having a dog has changed my life considerably. I'm less precious about everything. Our gorgeous teal velvet sofa basically became a giant dog bed covered in muddy paw prints. Eventually, you have to realise that if something gets broken, it's not the end of the world. It's just stuff!













STYLIST'S NOTE

66 Offset busy, traditional patterns with simple furniture shapes and lighting to keep it modern 99

MICHELA COLLING, STYLE EDITOR





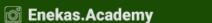














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STYLIST'S NOTE

66 If you don't have pattern in a room, add personality with statement lighting, vases and collectables **99**

MICHELA COLLING, STYLE EDITOR

















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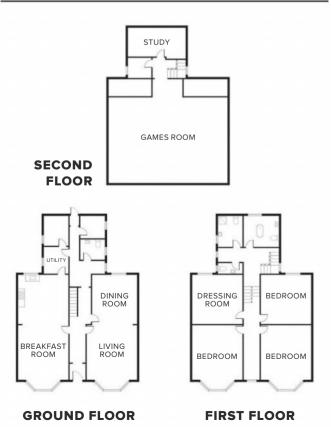




Welcome to my home



Take a quick tour...





Pauline West lives here with her husband Paul. They are both retired.

THE PROPERTY
A four-bed Victorian terrace in Plymouth.

VALUE Bought for £440,000 in 2006; now worth £600,000.

66 Over the years, our tastes have changed. We've gone for a lighter, French-inspired look and given our old Habitat furniture to our granddaughter 99

fter pinpointing the precise area where they wanted to live, Pauline and Paul West patiently waited until just the right property came onto the market. 'Renting near our preferred location and speaking regularly to the estate agents paid huge dividends,' says Pauline. 'Even before this handsome house went on the market, we were given a tip-off and immediately set up a viewing.'

The house, built in 1903, hadn't been touched for 30 years, but the couple could see through the dowdy, tired décor. 'It was very dark and terribly cluttered, but we loved the high ceilings and feel of the house,' says Pauline. 'We peered under the carpets and spotted the original floorboards, which clinched the deal.'

The house was structurally sound, but the couple needed to strip it back to its bare bones. 'Having only viewed the property once, it was quite a shock to see it empty,' says Pauline. 'It looked vast.' Pauline pulled down old curtains and stripped layer after layer of wallpaper, while Paul removed all the carpets, sanded the floors, sourced old radiators and began painting the whole house white. 'We felt that white walls and lovely sanded floorboards would be a good starting point to create a cohesive look,' says Pauline. 'We also decided to knock down the wall between the kitchen and the breakfast room. Opening up the fireplace and installing a wood-burner has made it the hub of the house.'

Over the next eight years, the couple evolved their signature neutral look. 'We've never had a masterplan, although we prefer subtle shades to bright colours,' says Pauline. 'By doing everything ourselves, it's taken time, but we haven't rushed. It has been an incredibly rewarding journey and it's one we're still enjoying.'











Think outside the box

'We got rid of the fitted kitchen units and replaced them with freestanding pieces,' says Pauline. 'The space now has a more rustic, slightly industrial vibe.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar French-style wall light, try the Hobury in Charcoal, £45, Garden Trading. For similar wall tiles, try the Metro white, £19.50 per sq m, Topps Tiles

Arrange spaces around statement pieces

The couple knocked down a wall to create an open-plan kitchen and breakfast room, divided by an antique butcher's block. The dining space is defined by a big French dresser and the kitchen by a long sideboard and a retro fridge-freezer.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar table, try the Cotswold Kitchen large butcher's block, £699, The Cotswold Company. Fridge-freezer, £1,779, Smeg











Unify mixed pieces with colour

'A neutral backdrop works best when you have an eclectic collection,' says Pauline. 'In the breakfast room, we've mixed a French chair with a standard lamp made by my grandfather, wicker chairs and a high-street sofa, but the neutral palette makes the space feel relaxed.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For similar chairs, try the Heronswood, £250 each, Holloways. For a similar pendant, try the vintage, £60, Cox & Cox

Upcycle old finds

'The majority of our furniture comes from antiques shops, auctions and brocantes,' says Pauline. 'If required, Paul upcycles our finds or paints them to fit the colour scheme.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Jewel shaggy rug, £300, Dunelm. Westfire 21 stove, from a selection, Dean Forge. For a similar clock, try the Knightsbridge, £60, Newgate Clocks





REAL HOME





Repurpose something beautiful

The couple tidied up a set of old shutters to use as rustic-style artwork and Pauline made cushions for a vintage daybed which is used as a bench in the guest bedroom.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For similar vintage shutters and a daybed, try antiques fairs. For a similar double bed frame, try the Alice Antique White bedstead, £450, Oak Furniture House

Revive original features

'Stripping the floorboards was a really good move,' says Pauline. 'It instantly gave our home a cohesive look and a warm feel. They were a great backdrop for our existing furniture and pieces we've bought since.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar wardrobe, try the Pascale in scuffed grey, £1,495, Loaf











Work in soft pattern

The bay window in the guest bedroom was crying out for sweeping curtains, so Pauline broke out of her all-neutral rule and added a little gentle pink with a floral fabric. Big patterns work best over a large area, so she chose an oversized floral motif that has a traditional, country look.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For similar curtain fabric, try the Genevieve Raspberry, £15 per m, Wallpaperdirect. For similar cushion fabric, try the Catherine rose blue, £55 for W137cm, Cabbages & Roses

66Our home has evolved. It's taken time and we deliberately haven't rushed. It's been an incredibly rewarding journey – one we're still enjoying 99







Layer colours and textures

The rattan antique French bed and natural bed linens give the main bedroom cosy texture, while curtains and a throw in deeper tones of grey and taupe add depth to the neutral scheme. 'I prefer subtle hues, which create a tranquil, harmonious feel,' says Pauline.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar bed, try the Provence, £1,595, The White Company. For similar table lamps, try the Kirby, £29.99 each, Dunelm

Throw in a surprise

'The moment I spotted this tailor's dummy in a local antiques shop, I knew it would look eye-catching in our bedroom,' says Pauline.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar second-hand clothes dummy, try local antiques fairs







Use furniture in the 'wrong' place

Pauline uses a huge armoire – which would normally be used as a display piece downstairs – as storage for towels, toiletries and scented candles in the bathroom. 'Our policy is to buy what we love,

then work out which room it'll look best in later!' she says.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar armoire, try the Chateauneuf, £999, The French Bedroom Company. Essenza roll-top bath, £600, Homebase



66Don't rush – enjoy letting your home evolve.

If your tastes change, go with the flow and tweak until you're happy. We've made mistakes, but that's just part of the process **99**













Make it work for you

PAULINE'S STYLE: FRENCH COUNTRY CHIC

Textural, rustic accessories paired with classic furniture shapes create this relaxed yet refined look

















COLOURS WE LOVE

Dusty purple

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IT WITH THE RIGHT NEUTRAL AND BE
FEARLESS WITH ACCENTS...

THIS PAGE Amaris Bloomingville heavy structure vase in Orchid, £48, Out There Interiors. Dartington Crystal Elgin bottle vase, £65, John Lewis. Brickett Davda plate, £37, Toast. Decorative figs, £50 for 12, Cox & Cox. Folded from top: Anoushka Plains Lavender 130050 fabric, £50 per m, Harlequin. Washed linen/cotton pillowcase in Pale Heather, £30, Toast. Bouclé cushion (cover only shown), in Dahlia, £35, John Lewis. Bordeaux Terry towel, £55, Toast.













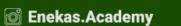






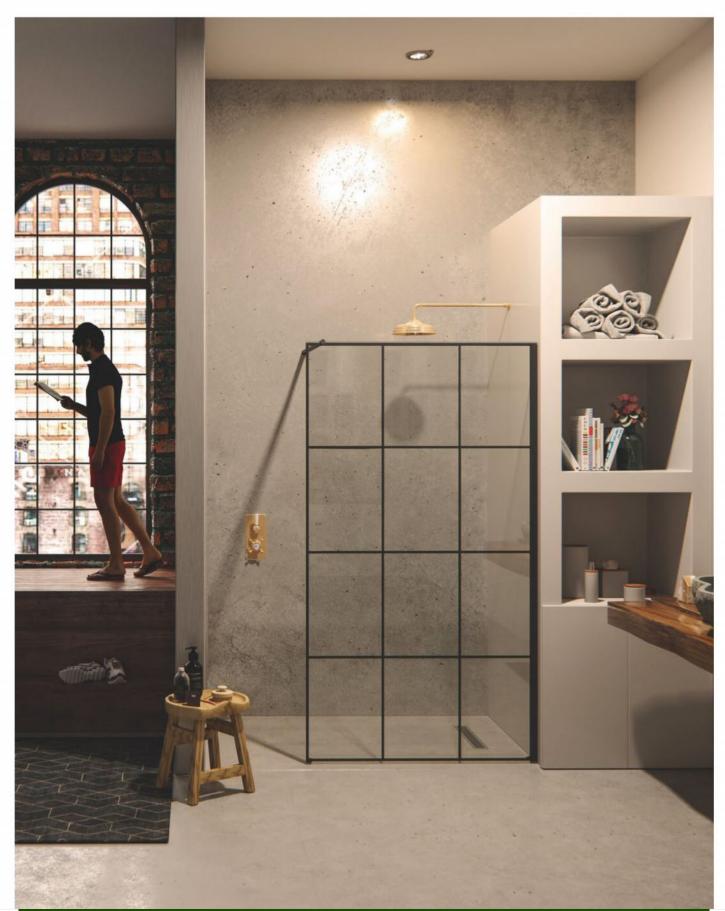






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Make it work for you

DUSTY PURPLE: JUST ADD AN ACCENT

Not keen to put it on all four walls? This sexy shade can still give your room a big hit of warmth and glamour...



WHERE TO BUY

1. LAMP

Naomie lamp base and shade in Blackberry, £95, Laura Ashley

2. RUG

Mosaic rug in Light Purple, £399, Ted Baker at Amara

3. CUSHION

Pansy floral cushion, £40, Scatterbox at Harvey Norman

4. FAUX FLOWERS

4. FAUX FLOW Artificial peony ro £50, John Lewis Artificial peony roses,

5. VASE

Jewel glass vase in Amethyst, £21.50, MiaFleur

6. CHAIR

Le Cocktail velvet chair in Grape, £425, Oliver Bonas

7. THROW

Beehive throw in Black Cherry, £59, The British Blanket Company

8. ROSE WREATH

Wooden rose heart in Plum, £7, Wilko









Welcome to my home



Take a quick tour...





FIRST FLOOR

SECOND FLOOR





GROUND FLOOR

BASEMENT



Lucy Houlton, a journalist, lives here with her husband, David, an accountant, and their children, Lola, 15, and Edie, 10.

THE PROPERTY

A five-bed Edwardian terrace in Muswell Hill, London, bought in 2012.

VALUE

Similar properties in the area are marketed at around £2million.

66 The overall effect is a family home that just invites you to unwind 99

ucy and David Houlton knew this house was exactly what they wanted as soon as they stepped inside. 'Every room felt spacious and – most important of all – each one had the potential to be incredibly light,' explains Lucy. 'However, the kitchen was tucked away in the dark basement, there was a kitchenette in a bedroom, the décor throughout was quite dingy and every room needed updating. There was also a vast loft crying out for conversion. Our vision was to reorganise the space and create a cohesive decorative scheme that would make the house feel brighter, modern and welcoming.'

A builder started work the day they moved in. Within a few months, the loft extension was completed; the kitchen was moved from the basement room to the front of the original through-living room to create an open-plan, family-friendly space; and the former kitchen's roof was raised and double doors installed in place of a narrow window to transform it into a bright TV room that's now connected to the garden.

'We had to dig down to accommodate the new doors in the TV room,' says Lucy. 'It was back-breaking work, but worth it, as this room now has the same indooroutdoor feel as our main living room and is really light.'

Once the structural work was all over and done with, Lucy and David approached the décor with a view to enhancing the feeling of space. 'To help us get used to the different light levels in each room, and as a starting point for creating a cohesive scheme, we began by painting every room white and by ripping up the carpets, stripping back the floorboards and having them lime-washed,' says Lucy. 'The overall effect is a family home that just invites you to unwind.'



















Lucy zoned the TV den by painting two walls in an inky blue. 'To get a contemporary Scandi look, I added lots of texture, pops of pattern and some dramatic colour – the dark blue looks wonderful with the limewashed wood flooring,' she says.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Owl canvas, £115, Photowall. Walls painted in Valspar Inky Prose matt emulsion, £13 for 2.5ltr, B&Q. For a similar sideboard, try the mid-century in grey wash, £599, Swoon Editions

Decorate with plants

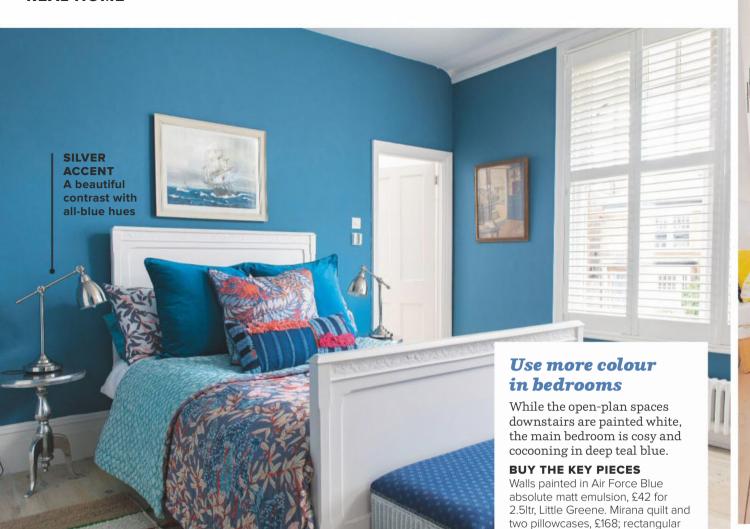
'I love large, architectural house plants,' says Lucy. 'They add natural colour to a room and create focal points, but they also help to merge the inside with the outside. Since our reception rooms both have large French doors, plants are an important element in the scheme.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Landskrona armchair, £350; footstool, £225; Jassa cushion cover, £7; Alseda banana leaf stools, £20 each; all Ikea. For a similar lamp, try the Anglepoise Type 75, £125, Ambiente Direct







Retain original character

'One of the first things we did was unblock the fireplaces and find authentic surrounds for them,' says Lucy. 'The one in the main bedroom was from a local junk shop; the others came from eBay.

Period features really shine in a simple scheme.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar fire surround, try the Woodthorpe in white, £151, B&Q. For a similar chest of drawers, try the Ganga Sheesham, £207, Wayfair

WHAT WE LEARNED
66 Natural textures
make a house feel
like home. Wooden floors
were our starting point,
then we added jute rugs,
soft throws and baskets 99



cushion, £68; all Anthropologie









'Lola picked out the leaf wallpaper for her loft bedroom – it was a brave choice, but it makes an effective focal point of the bed, which in turn transforms quite a large, bright space into a cosier, more welcoming one,' says Lucy.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar wallpaper, try the Mustique, £80 per roll, Wallpaperdirect. For a similar bed, try the Alice, £950, Laura Ashley. PS clock, £30, lkea

Know that less really can be more

'Removing the original shower cubicle and built-in bath gave us the space to make the roll-top bath the focal point of the room,' says Lucy. 'I'd always rather make do with fewer fittings if it means the room will feel more spacious'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Earl 1750 double-ended slipper bath, £400; Regent freestanding bath/shower mixer, £210; both Victorian Plumbing. Bevelled-edge wall tiles, £12 for 50, B&Q. For a similar chair, try the dark brass wire armchair, £145, Rockett St George





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LUCY'S STYLE: MODERN SIMPLICITY

Timeless furniture and a pared-back palette create a look that has an easy elegance and is as versatile as they come











66 Key simple-Scandi pieces are such a safe choice as they're so easy to work in with different colours and looks as your tastes and needs change 99

VANESSA RICHMOND, EDITOR

WHERE TO BUY Teddy table, £39; Orla console, £129; Harmony bed frame, £449; Watercolour Aztec Stripe double duvet set, £35; Garfield mirrors, £129.99 for three; Jumbo Cord cushion, £9.99; Luxury Faux Fur cushion, £14.99; Scandi Geo cushion, £14.99; Alexa throw, £29.99; Hoxton concrete base table lamp, £32.99; Stanton concrete pillar table lamp, £39.99; Faux Fur double rug, £29.99; all Ideal Home Range, Very

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Perfect for a teen's room or family TV den Luxury lounger, £99

ACCENT CHAIR
Add a pop of colour
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Citrus Papillion chair, £249



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Lasy style updates

From best buys and clever tricks to mini décor projects... this is our roundup of the simplest, quickest ways to make your home more beautiful now







Place a vanilla-scented tealight in a small bowl filled with coffee beans. The candle will heat the beans and create a delicious aroma.

BRING MORE BLING TO YOUR TABLE

Posh up your dining table with a set of luxe gold-finish cutlery. Team it with plain plates in a dusky shade to make dinners a glam affair.

Tillagd 24 piece cutlery set, £40, Ikea





Take a
new slant

Add an accent stripe to
jazz up a plain wall. Paint it at an
angle rather than horizontally,
using low-tack masking tape for a
crisp edge. Paint the area above
in a contrasting colour for impact.



ADD SOME OUTDOOR COLOUR
If summer pots and hanging baskets are past their best, replant them with winter bedding plants – winter pansies, cyclamen or polyanthus. Add structure with heathers, ivy and dwarf conifers.





STYLE & DÉCOR



STYLE UP YOUR COFFEE TABLE

Make your coffee table the focus with an artfully arranged tabletop. Choose a selection of objects – bowls, vases, ornaments, candles – choosing a colour or theme as a link. Try a stack of coffee table books to add height.

Nyla table in grey/ copper, £99, Made.com





Update your accessories

Bring in seasonal accent colours to give a room a mini revamp. Go for warm russet, teal, indigo and emerald green to add an autumnal touch on ceramics, prints and soft furnishings.

PUT DOWN A FLOOR RUNNER

Make your hall more welcoming with a smart sisal runner.

Keep it in place using nonslip

Grip a Rug, £6.49 for 5m, Lakeland.

No 045 wall light, £60; No 049 walnut bed, £699; both Design Project range, John Lewis

Switch to wall lights
Free up bedside
space by swapping table lamps for a pair of wall-hung lights. Choose lights that are well-shielded so you can't see the bulb and go for a design that can be fixed to the wall without the need for wiring-in so you won't have to redecorate.









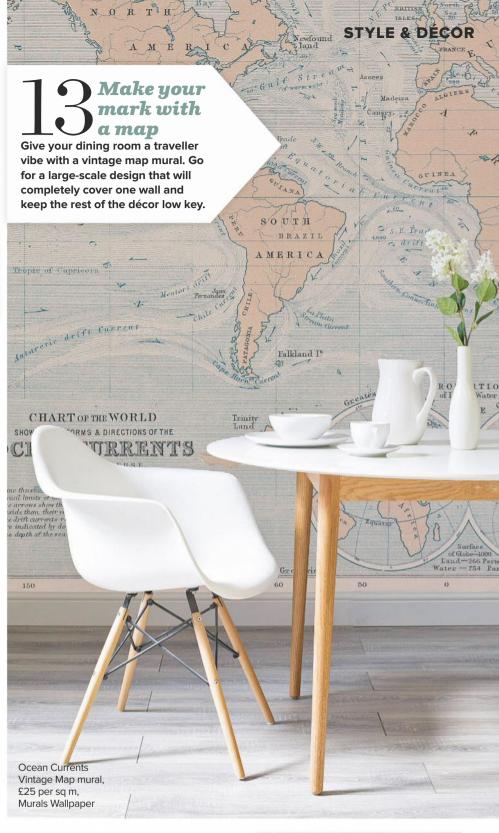
UPCYCLE AN OLD TRAY
Make a mini
magnet board using an old
metal tray – as long as it's
magnetic! Go for a tray with
handles so you can tie on
twine for easy hanging.



12 GO FOR EASY-GROW GREENERY

Plump for succulents as they won't need much looking after. Plant in old enamel mugs or teapots - add gravel for drainage. Or try good-looking faux ones.

Faux succulents in mugs, £4 each, Dunelm



If you don't have enough space for a sofabed, try a compact solution with this fold-out armchair that will take up next to no space in a teen's bedroom or family den. That's sleepovers sorted.









Give your kitchen a rustic touch

Beautiful wooden boards and spoons can be decorative as well as functional, so free up a shelf or hooks to put them on show.

Bohemian Circles measuring spoons, £10; apron, £15; wooden spoons set, £6; wooden serving boards, £15 and £20; rolling pin, £8; wire egg run, £18; all National Trust Shop

SORT KITCHEN SUPPLIES

Restore order to open shelves or cupboards with stacking storage crates. Sort table linens, cutlery and crockery or use them to stash cartons, packets, jars and bottles loitering at the back.

Natural Elements crates set, £24.99, Very



DISPLAY AUTUMN FINDS
Show off beautiful leaves
in double-sided, hinged
hanging frames, placing a
single leaf in each – Cox & Cox has a set
of copper-rimmed frames, £25 for three.





Buy a fabulous pendant

Nothing updates a room as quickly or easily as an amazing light fitting. For future versatility, go for an oversized clear glass shade teamed with a filament-style LED bulb for extra style points.





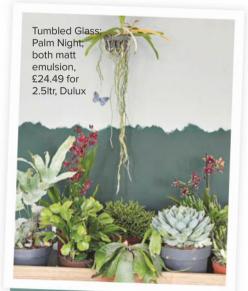


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BRING OUT THE WINTER DUVET
Put lightweight
summer bedding away and bring
out the heavy-duty winter duvet.
The higher a duvet's tog rating,
the warmer it will be - anywhere
between 10.5 and 13.5 togs is
warm enough for winter.

FILL A JAR WITH LIGHTS
Make a light display using Hobbycraft's glass cloche with wooden base, £20. Arrange a set of battery-operated LED lights on the wooden base (with the battery pack hidden), switch on and replace the glass top.



Grow an indoor garden

Show off a display of plants by painting a band of contrasting colour on the wall behind to highlight foliage. Leave the top edge uneven for added effect.

DECORATE PUMPKINS FOR HALLOWE'EN Instead of carving pumpkins, let little ones decorate them with Sharpie pens. Draw on your design with pencil first, then ink over it with black pen.





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STYLE & DÉCOR



2 Make a DIY dresser

Save a fortune by creating your own bespoke dresser. Build a dresser base as your starting point, with a wooden worktop cut to fit, then add open shelves and brackets above.

ORGANISE PAPERWORK
Clear the paper trail on your desk. File important paperwork away, bin junk mail and then organise the papers you need at hand in a letter rack.

Copper letter rack, £8, George Home



Give a plastic clip frame a luxe look. Remove the glass before spraying the frame with Metallic Bright Copper paint, £6.86 per 400ml, Rust-Oleum.

TIDY UP YOUR DRESSING TABLE
Clear off random clutter that's been gathering on your dressing table – odd earrings, spare lipsticks, hairbands - and make sure everything has a dedicated spot. Have a pot for make-up brushes, boxes for toiletries and mini drawers for jewellery, so it's easy to pop things in rather than leaving surfaces to overflow.

Stacked cabinet drawer, £14, M&Co

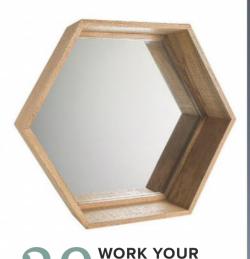




SORT YOUR CRAFT KIT
Find a home for rolls of tape, string, stamps and other crafting essentials with this handy wire storage rack. Fix it on the wall above your work table so things are within easy reach.







WALL SPACE
If you've got a narrow hallway or are squeezed for space in a compact bathroom, opt for a mirror with an extra-deep frame. The built-in ledge doubles

up as a small shelf, so you've somewhere handy to store all those extra odds and ends.

Wood hexagon mirror, £85, Dickins & Jones range, House of Fraser



30 ADD DRAMA TO YOUR BATHROOM

Swap those old white towels for something in a bold pattern or colour and tile a mini splashback with Morroccan-style tiles.



KEEP OUT THE COLD

Put a floor-length curtain up at the front door to keep draughts out and heat in. Try House of Bath's drapery arm, £19.95, which lets the curtain move with the door so it won't end up tangled.





STYLE & DÉCOR



JAZZ UP A PLAIN LAMP
Update an old lamp by swapping a plain shade for a patterned one. Go for a shade roughly two-thirds the height of the base, with a diameter roughly an inch wider all-round than the widest part of the base.

Wild Flower Hedgerow drum lampshade, £25, Handmade at Amazon





34 UPDATE HANDLES
Replace basic
drawer pulls with a swish
new set of leather handles to
give a plain chest of drawers
or cupboard a new look.

Make a rustic, autumn garland. Buy a rattan wreath, from £2.50, Hobbycraft and decorate with leaves, berries and pinecones from the garden.

Brighten up your bathtub

Give a tired-looking freestanding bath a colour update by painting it a fresh new shade. Pretty blush pink goes well with dark grey panelling and co-ordinating floor tiles to give a plain bathroom a glam new look.











3 O LA DRESSER
Swap a bulky
wooden bookcase for a
lighter-weight alternative
made in wire mesh. Garden
Trading's Portobello wire
shelving unit, £350, makes
the perfect industrial-style
display unit.

Make space for a desk

If you need to work from home, but don't have space for a full office set-up, consider a compact console that you can slip into the corner of the living room without it dominating the space.

BECLUTTER THE HALLWAY
Find a home for hall clutter in this clever console unit. Its dovetail joints mean you can arrange the drawers and shelves in whatever formation you like, to stash all those odd bits and pieces.





FEATURE LISA FAZZANI

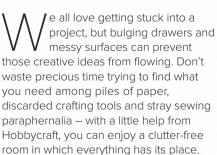




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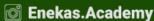
























Welcome to my home



Karen Ogilvie works in human resources and lives here with her partner Jon Moore, a dentist. Jon's three children aged 16, 18 and 20 are frequent visitors.

THE PROPERTY

A four-bedroom Thirties semi in Bristol.

VALUE

A similar property would cost around £670,000.

doesn't stand out, but when people come inside, they're blown away! It's everything we could possibly want 99





Take a quick tour...







FIRST FLOOR

hen Karen Ogilvie spotted the 'For Sale' sign outside a house on a quiet Bristol street, she knew there was more to the ordinary-looking semi than met the eye. 'I'd lived a few doors along, so knew about the amazing city views at the back,' she says. 'It was very run-down, but had potential to extend, and my partner Jon and I could see that it could be fabulous.'

The original three-bedroom layout has remained intact, and the only change visible from the road is a new utility room tagged on to the side. At the back of the house though, a spectacular, light-filled kitchen, dining and living room have been added, with a big main bedroom suite above. 'It was tempting to add two bedrooms, but we wanted the house to work long term for us as a couple, so we went for one really big, luxurious suite,' Karen says. Both floors have vast

windows, making the most of the panoramic views. Downstairs, they open out onto decking with steps down to the garden. 'We dug down for extra height,' says Karen. 'I hadn't realised the difference it would make, but it was the key to the success of the space.'

'We love entertaining and having parties, so opening up and extending the living area was an obvious move,' says Karen. Life centres around the kitchen, dining and living space, where wood flooring and soft grey walls unite the different parts of the room. The height and huge windows of the new rooms contrast with the cosy Thirties proportions of the original parts of the house, but Karen and Jon have worked hard to make them flow together. 'This house doesn't immediately stand out, but when people come inside, they're blown away,' says Karen. 'It's everything we could possibly want.'













Look online for gems

Going for a retro, vintage look can end up looking shabby and pastiche, so choose simple pieces that have aged well. 'We try to find things that are in good condition and not too worn, like the turquoise armchair, which Jon spotted on eBay,' says Karen. 'It takes time to find the real gems, but you'll get something unique and great value.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Walls painted in Dimpse and Mole's Breath modern emulsion, both \$£43.50 for 2.5ltr, Farrow & Ball. For similar dining chairs, try the Matthew Hilton Profile chairs, \$£245 each, John Lewis







REAL HOME





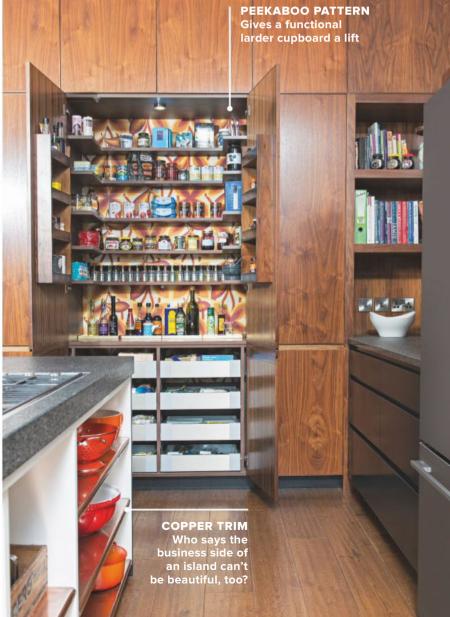


Be savvy with storage As the kitchen is part of the

open-plan living/dining space, Karen keeps clutter under control. Anything on surfaces is deliberately displayed, while the everyday essentials are hidden behind beautiful, floorto-ceiling, polished walnut cupboard doors that look more like panelling when closed.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Bespoke kitchen units, The Kitchen Man. Starflower wallpaper, £74 per roll, Little Greene













Keep it simple

Fuss-free, contemporary fittings create a streamlined look where space is tight. Wave-textured tiling adds interest to a plain grey scheme.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

New York Brooklyn and Staten tiles, £34.97 per sq m, Mandarin Stone. Porcelanosa Ona tiles in Natural, £60.36 per sq m, Tile and Stone Online. Orla Kiely Stem Jacquard towels, £22 each, Amara

Soften the palette for sleep spaces

The pale grey and white theme continues upstairs. In the guest bedroom (originally the main bedroom, at the front of the house), Karen dropped her signature bright accents in favour of calm and restful shades of blue.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

For a similar throw, try the Hamilton in duck egg blue, £70, Laura Ashley. For a similar mirror, try the Adhika mango wood mirror, £190, Maisons du Monde









WHAT WE LEARNED

66 Lighting is really important in an open-plan

space and building an extension is a brilliant opportunity to tailor things to suit you. But you have to plan ahead and know what your layout is going to be first 99











Add warmth... and 'wow' moments

Extensions can give you spaces that are big, bright – and boring. So think about textural flooring like Karen has used in the main bedroom, bold black window frames and statement pieces of furniture to create focal points.

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Chair covered in Harbourne Citrus, from £75 per m, GP & J Baker. Hampen rug, £30, Ikea. Original BTC Hector Bibendum wall light, £139, John Lewis

Inject character with interesting artwork

Karen turned the stairwell and landing into an art gallery with framed prints and mementos – including her dad's old skis!

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Vintage wooden skis are available on Etsy, from £120











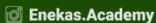
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KAREN'S STYLE: RECLAIMED RETRO

Bold brights and funky prints teamed with mid-century pieces and old-school finds create a cool, vintage atmosphere



Complement original mid-century pieces with modern finds With modern finds

1. TEALIGHT HOLDER

Golden tealight holder, £42, Sweetpea & Willow

2. CUSHION

Fiona velvet cushion, £33, Ragged Rose

3. DINING CHAIR

Vintage Ben dining chair with velvet upholstery, £195, The Old Cinema

4. BOTTLE

Clear glass bottle, £17, Kelly Hoppen

5. RADIO

Retro radio, £39.99, TK Maxx

6. SIDEBOARD

Aveiro oak sideboard, £699, Made.com

7. TEAPOT

Orla Kiely teapot in Dandelion, £50, Amara

8. WALL CLOCK

Pluto wall clock, £140, Dowsing & Reynolds







PROMOTIONAL FEATURE



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Transform your home with natural materials, calming colours and a touch of sophistication from the new Country Luxe range by Next

or a scheme that's easy to live with and has timeless appeal, you can't go wrong with country style. Its mix of natural materials, soft colour and lovely rustic texture, creates a versatile look that will instantly turn your house into a warm and inviting home, wherever you live.

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rolled arms and castor feet for a refined look. With a focus on natural materials, the range includes linen, cotton and matt velvet seating, cosy woven and waffle throws, and soft textiles in muted shades of milky white, warm ochre and oyster grey — all the elements you need to create a calm, neutral scheme with an air of luxury.

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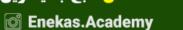
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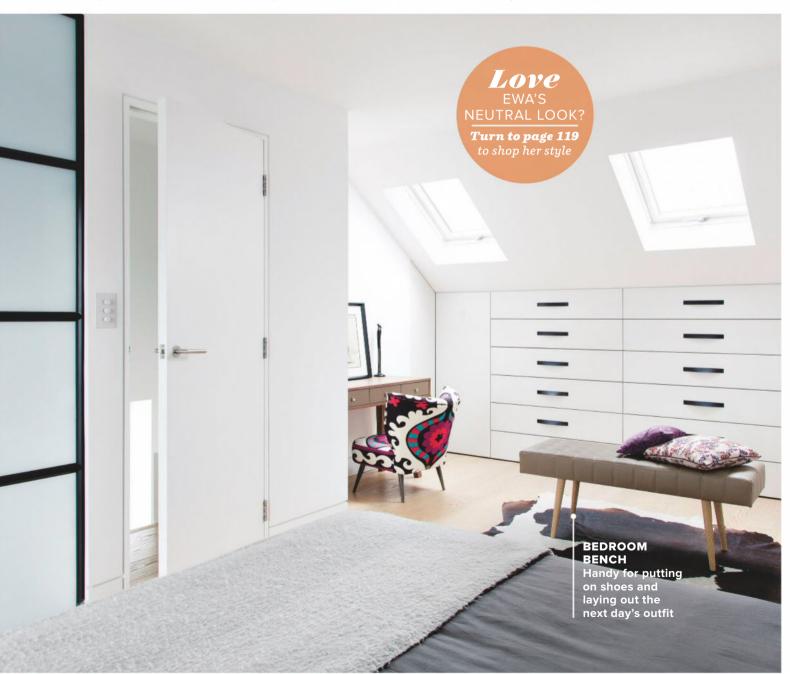
HOW EWA AND MARIUS DID IT

'When we bought this house five years ago, it was always with an eye on converting the loft. When guests came to stay, they'd sleep in Julia's room and she would bunk in with her brother. But, as they got older and needed their own space, we decided to do the loft and turn our bedroom into a guest room and office. We run a building company, so we knew about the basics, but used another firm,

Amberth, to do everything, including the design, build and project management. I didn't want the bathroom to be sectioned off with walls, but nor did I want it to be open plan, so Amberth came up with the idea of Japanese-style opaque glass doors to divide off the back of the room. This left the space under the eaves for a lovely big dressing area. The build took three months and cost £45,000.

BELOW 'Under the eaves was the obvious place for his-and-hers drawers,' says Ewa. 'I'm a neat freak and I store everything by colour and can find what I want instantly, which gives me real pleasure! The small space in the corner is right underneath a skylight, so was the perfect spot for a dressing table'

Fitted drawers, £4,500; desk, £550; ottoman, £380; all Amberth. Chair, £225, Graham & Green







BEDROOM PROJECT





ABOVE 'The panelling adds texture and acts as a headboard, too,' says Ewa

Faux-leather panelling, £250 per sq m, Amberth

BELOW 'The bathroom has an Art Deco feel,' says Ewa. 'Spraying the brassware black made a big difference'

Marble wall tiles, £60 per sq m, Mandarin Stone. Mirror cabinets, £790, Amberth

ABOVE 'The bathroom has been screened off with glass doors which add a real elegance to the room. It was a great solution as we haven't lost any of the light. I've made sure the colours

tone in and go through to the bedroom,' says Ewa

Glass and metal doors, £4,700; Neolith Piedra large format floor tiles, £280 per sq m; curtains, £1,300; all Amberth

many options for







PROMOTIONAL FEATURE

DESIGNER TOUCH

Jasper Conran's autumn/winter collection for Debenhams offers a fresh take on mid-century style



or more than 20 years, Debenhams has collaborated with some of the hottest names in British fashion and design to bring distinctive designer-led furniture and homewares to a wider audience.

J BY JASPER CONRAN

Jasper Conran has been part of the portfolio since 1996. His mid-centuryinspired autumn/winter range mixes sleek silhouettes with sophisticated materials and sartorial elegance. Accessories in smooth marble and metallic tones add on-trend industrial elegance to any scheme. 'I've taken inspiration from the timeless

silhouette of a reading lamp and reimagined it in brushed gold and marble to create a collection of floor and tabletop pieces,' says Jasper. His new textiles also enhance the sense of luxury in the collection. 'I've focussed on using velvet, textural linear embroidery and graphic patterns, in a rich palette of navy blues and shades of green,' he adds.

Ellsworth yellow velvet sofa, £1,140. Blade navy rug, 200cm x 300cm, £570; both J by Jasper Conran at Debenhams

SHOP THE LOOK

For tailor-made furniture and accessories that add an enticing touch of warmth and sophistication to your winter home, check out the new J by Jasper Conran range at Debenhams

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EWA'S STYLE: MODERN LUXE

Layering natural textures, from reclaimed wood to soft hide, and adding retro-style pieces will create a sophisticated look







RELAX IN A STYLISH HAVEN

Sweet dreams are made of the new Maison Française range by Dunelm says stylist and instagrammer Eimear Varian-Barry







PROMOTIONAL FEATURE



unelm has always been a brand that inspires me and somewhere I love to shop,' reveals Eimear Varian-Barry. 'But there's something so fresh and exciting about the autumn-winter collection, I just adore it!' Styled with furniture and accessories from Dunelm's new Maison Francaise range, this chateauchic bedroom was finessed by Eimear's enviable eye for design and detail. 'The gorgeous dusky pink and pompom throws were must-haves for a cosy touch to the bed and I also wanted the lovely vintagestyle picture frames for the dressing table,' says Eimear, who admitted to falling in love with the pompom throw so much she almost smuggled it home under her jumper! 'Who wouldn't want to wrap up in this on a chilly evening?' she confesses.

CLASSIC MEETS CONTEMPORARY

While inherently classic, the Maison Francaise range is brought bang up to date with subtle modern shapes, finishes and colours including a dark charcoal and chalk white palette, softened by pastel highlights. The collection features stylish seating, cushions, ceramics, lighting and storage furniture as well as the beautiful bedroom furniture, bed linen and accessories shown here. 'The gorgeous pieces would work equally well in a living or dining room to create a grown-up elegant scheme with a sophisticated French antique vibe,' says Eimear.

Gentle and easy on the eye, the Maison Francaise range is just as easy to work into an existing room as it is to create a scheme from scratch. 'Interior style is so personal,' says Eimear. 'I like things to look natural, so I'll definitely be picking up a few bits from Maison Française for my own home."

VERSATILE STYLE

Dunelm's autumn/winter collection has something to suit everyone, with ranges from the warm and cosy Keeper's Lodge to the opulent Colonial Charm - and all at great prices. Visit dunelm.com now to create your stylish haven



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We picked out a few more key pieces to inject chateau chic into your home



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Welcome to my home

Kate Strong lives here with her husband, Andrew, and their seven-year-old twins, Oscar and Saskia.

THE PROPERTY

A four-bedroom Edwardian house, with a one-bedroom basement annexe in Wandsworth, southwest London.

WHAT IT COST

WIIAIIICO	31
Cabinetry	£13,800
Worktops	£3,500
Appliances	£3,058
Flooring	£1,999
Lighting	£147
Paint	£158
Bar stools	£550
TOTAL	£23,212

66It makes me smile just to walk in here! I adore the dark colours?







ABOVE 'When it came to zoning this big space, it seemed obvious to put the dining area next to the deck outside,' says Kate, 'so we would be able to open the doors on fine days. The touches of copper in the kitchen inspired me, so I sought out a copper-topped table. I teamed it with black chairs to keep the dark, cosy feel going.'

Wishbone chairs, £139 each, Cult Furniture. Poolside Gossip framed print, from £120, Edge Prints

HOW KATE AND ANDREW DID IT

'We moved here because we liked the width of the house and the large garden. It needed renovating, but we knew we'd be able to create enough living space on the ground floor. It was an obvious idea to extend across the back and replace the tired old kitchen, but our plans changed when my mother came to live with us. We decided to go in together to create a basement flat for her, with our extended

kitchen-diner on top, opening out onto a large decked area. Our architect, James Munro from Granit, came up with a design we loved. The build took about 10 months, with installing the bespoke kitchen taking about four weeks, at a cost of £2,500. There's so much space in here to entertain now and, other than when we're sleeping or bathing, we spend all our time in here now.'

Enekas.Academy





KITCHEN PROJECT



ABOVE 'With so much pattern in the marble worktop, I wanted variety in the copper of the table, so the two surfaces could echo each other,' says Kate

Copper-topped table, £1,500, Run Projects

BELOW 'There's such an expanse of the dark blue, so I opted for wooden veg drawers to add a contrast – and the veg stays fresher for longer!' says Kate

For a freestanding drawer unit, try Wooden vegetable store, £119, Quickcrop





WHAT I LEARNED

66 I went to the stone yard to see the different types and chose my own slab for the island. It's worth going for the chunkier 40mm size. It's so hard wearing and heat resistant, and I never get bored looking at it! 99







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KATE'S STYLE: DARK AND DRAMATIC

Blue-black cabinets, marble worktops and accents of copper, steel and wood make a stunning combination of materials



1. MIXER TAP

Eiger tap, £235, Franke

2. PENDANT

DAVID (

Bristol light, £49, Heal's

3. WORKTOP

Statuario, £400 per sq m, Eternal Series, Silestone

4. PAINT

Black Blue estate eggshell, £24 for 750ml, Farrow & Ball

5. BAR STOOL

Welles stool in white

and mango wood, £129, Swoon Editions

6. BOWLS

Cereal bowls, £29.50 for three, Atelier

7. MIXER

Artisan 4.8ltr stand mixer £739, KitchenAid

8. TABLE

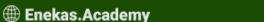
Table, £795, Loaf

9. CHOPPING BOARD

Wooden board, £4, Wilko







It's a welcoming and friendly space now'

Louise and Ryland Morgans extended their small kitchen and swapped a severe, monochrome scheme for a warm, characterful country look suited to family life and entertaining friends











Welcome to my home

Louise Morgans lives here with her husband Ryland and their children Freddie, five and Steffan, four.

THE PROPERTY

A four-bedroom detached Edwardian house in Cardiff.

WHAT IT COST

Units	£16,714
Worktops	£3,588
Sink	£324
Тар	£298
Cooker	
Tiles	£145
Flooring	£4,623
TOTAL	\$27.292

66 It's the perfect fit for our family and if we want to change the units in future we'll only need a new paint colour 99













HOW LOUISE AND RYLAND DID IT

'We lived with the old kitchen for more than two years and, although it was functional, it just wasn't our style. For a large house, the kitchen was disproportionately small. We decided to knock together the kitchen and the adjoining utility, and add an extension. Oriel Architects designed the structure and the project took six months. Chalkhouse Kitchens painted and installed

the units for £2,800, and our designer was willing to use email and Skype to keep the project on track. I wanted a style that would suit our Edwardian home, but with a modern twist. I initially considered a dark navy finish, but worried that it would date too quickly. I love the new design and the warm, organic materials we've used. It looks like it's always been here.'

ABOVE 'I needed a space at the island where the boys can eat or sit with their colouring books,' says Louise. 'I prefer them to be in sight when I'm in the kitchen, and the old room didn't work in this respect'

Cobb Rise and Fall pendants, £215 each, Original BTC. Ercol Originals bar stools, £169 each, Hunters Furniture. Ted Todd Classic Whinfell engineered oak flooring, £90.85 per sq m, RR Stone







ABOVE 'I used white Metro tiles for the splashback to give a clean look with a modern twist,' says Louise

Mini Metro white gloss tiles, £30.22 per sq m, Tons Of Tiles. Oyster Quartz Carrara Classico worktops, £360 per m, Cardiff Marble





WHAT WE LEARNED

fund, as we discovered. Despite the unexpected expense of a structural support beam that was required across the length of the kitchen, we kept to our budget, because we had put aside the extra money, just in case 99







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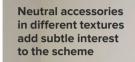
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LOUISE'S STYLE: CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC

Shaker-style cabinets teamed with oak surfaces, white brick tiles and classic accessories give this kitchen timeless appeal

of said







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1. PRINT

X Ray Hydrangea print, £25, Marks & Spencer

5. STORAGE JAR

Lotta container, £22.50, LSA International







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KITCHEN PROJECT







Welcome to my home

Natalie Wheeler lives here with her husband, Paul and children, Thea, 12 and Alex, 10.

THE PROPERTY

A five-bed Edwardian semi in Cheltenham.

WHAT IT COST

Units, worktop
and fitting......£25,000
Granite worktops
and fitting......£2,250
Appliances....£2,528
Sink.....£225
Tap.....£1,240
Splashback....£POA
Flooring...£4,320
TOTAL....£35,563

66 Having had so much input into the design of the kitchen adds to our enjoyment of the space 99







HOW NATALIE AND PAUL DID IT

'Our old kitchen had potential, but it looked tired and dark, and disjointed, too, with three different types of flooring. We wanted a stylish space that had lots of character and was fun to be in. We started by knocking down the old conservatory, which brought in more light. We extended out and to the side, which gave us plenty of room and a more interesting space. The build took five months and the work cost

£100,000. We had really strong ideas about what we wanted – an island where we could hang out with the kids and, lookswise, we were after something a bit different and settled on a mix of solid oak, with birch and walnut ply for the units. We needed someone to make it for us and met Will Hadland of Hutchinson Furniture at a design show. He interpreted our ideas brilliantly and we're thrilled with how it turned out.'

ABOVE Full-height doors at the end of the extension flood the whole space with light, while large-format, concrete-look tiles make the narrow kitchen look wider and more spacious. 'The new layout is great for socialising, family time and just day to day life,' says Natalie

Walls painted in Coconut Juice matt emulsion, £24 for 2.5ltr, Valspar range, B&Q. Gubi Cloud floor tiles, £60 per sq m, Living Ceramics range, Tiles to You





KITCHEN PROJECT



ABOVE 'Our splashback is copper-wrapped MDF, brushed and lacquered to stop it tarnishing,' explains Natalie. 'It changes in different lights - sometimes it has a soft, peachy glow and other times it's vibrant'

Splashback, price on application, Q&M Services



ABOVE 'Although we chose oak for the island top, we went for granite on the run of units, with a textured finish for contrast,' says Natalie

Granite 20mm worktop, £2,250, Hatherley Worktops. For a similar electric double oven, try NEFF U16E74N5GB, £1,289, Currys

RIGHT The couple knocked down a conservatory to build this extension, which gave them a dining space opening onto the garden

Walls painted in Thunder Cloud matt emulsion, £24 for 2.5ltr, Valspar range, B&Q. For a similar table, try the Burchill, £599, Marks & Spencer

WHAT WE LEARNED

66 Good design takes
time! We knew what
we wanted and stuck to our
guns. Getting all the details
right was a long process,
but worth it because we
got everything we wanted 99







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NATALIE'S CHOICE: A PLYWOOD KITCHEN

Plywood complements both traditional and contemporary kitchens. Tempted? This is what you need to know...

As the trend for industrial interiors continues, the interest in using plywood has soared. This unassuming layered timber solution is perfect for creating a pared-back look and it's a great money-saver, too.

Why is plywood a popular choice for kitchens?

Kitchens look stunning in a combination of textures and ply can be used to lift a scheme, add warmth and give a hand-crafted finish. It's also incredibly strong and can be left unfinished or painted, varnished or covered in a melamine veneer to add colour.

Is it expensive?
No, it's a cheap alternative to solid wood and its lightness belies its strength. Prices vary depending on the thickness (three ply, five ply and so on) and the thicker it is, the less flexible it will be. If you need to bend your ply, go for a thin version. Marine plywood is the most pricey, as it's made from quality hardwood veneers

What look does it create? A pale birch or beech ply is ideal for a clean, modern vibe,

with the best resins. Generally, the

fewer the knots, the more it costs.

while a dark species such as walnut, cherry or mahogany creates a more traditional feel.

Are there companies that specialise in using ply?

As well as Hutchinson Furniture, other companies include London-based Uncommon Projects (07910 248384; uncommon projects.co.uk) and Sustainable Kitchens in Bath (0117 961 6471; sustainablekitchens.co.uk). Naked Kitchens also uses birch ply in its bespoke designs (01328 838854; nakedkitchens.com).

Does it stain easily?
Any surface will stain if a spillage is left on long enough, so always remove it quickly. The end grain of ply is porous so it's susceptible to water damage. For an unfinished look, protect your ply with a water-based matt lacquer. Or apply a sanding sealer as a base coat, then stain or paint the ply in your chosen colour.

66 When sanded and lacquered, the edge of marine ply board makes a very interesting feature **99**

WILL HADLAND, MANAGING DIRECTOR & CABINET MAKER, HUTCHINSON FURNITURE



DIFFERENT LOOKS

• Plywood comes in many forms, from solid wooden boards to smooth hardwood ply and tongue-and-groove. It's made from thin layers of wood veneers, which are glued together to form a sheet.

INSIDE AND OUT

• Plywood is graded from A to D, with A being perfect, and D being best used beneath other materials so that it's not on show.

VERSATILITY

• Plywood offers variations in tone, colour and thickness to suit any project.

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TAKE A SEAT
Simple yet timeless style
Hemming dining chair
with plywood seat, £59,
Cult Furniture



TIME PIECE
Suits a minimalist scheme
Newgate Mr Clarke small
light plywood clock, £40,
Cotswold Trading



COLOUR BLOCK
Has a chic plywood grain
Zink console with
painted front, £670,
Noxu Home



SHELF LIFE
Display your key pieces
Round Dorm shelf by
Ferm Living, £126,
Cloudberry Living

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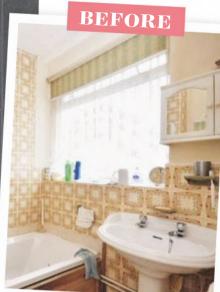






BATHROOM PROJECT







Welcome to my home

Agnes Kolski lives here with her boyfriend, Andrzej Nowak.

THE PROPERTY A two-bed Fifties detached bungalow in north London.

WHAT IT COST

Sanitaryware	£1,600
Shower	£650
Basin and	
countertops	£2,350
Tiles	£550
Radiator	£220
Mirror cabinets.	£850
Spray painting	£450
TOTAL	£6,670

66 We like strong colours and something out of the ordinary, so beige walls and neutral accessories weren't going to be our cup of tea! ??







ABOVE 'Putting four wall-mounted mirrored cabinets above the worktop gives us all the storage space we need, as well as reflecting light around Ithe room,' says Agnes Mirrored cabinets with demisters and LED lights, £850, Amberth

HOW AGNES AND ANDRZEJ DID IT

'We'd rented for years before buying this bungalow a year ago. It was run down, but we knew we could make it our own. This is the only bathroom in the house, so we wanted to have a decent-sized bath and a proper shower. We're both tall, but the ceilings aren't very high, which was going to be a problem. A design company, Amberth, had been recommended to us, so we decided to see what they could

do. They suggested sinking the bath between the joists, which makes the room feel more spacious and it's easy to step down into it. They also came up with the idea of a full-length window with opaque glass to bring more light in. The building work and installation took four weeks and cost £9,500. We love it and know we'll be happy with it for a really long time.'





BATHROOM PROJECT

LEFT 'Including the radiator in the spraying provides a splash of yellow on the grey wall. The colour stands out so well against the deep grey of the tiles,' says Agnes Heated towel rail, £220, Amberth. Grey towel, £20, John Lewis. Geometric towel, £25, TK Maxx

BELOW 'As we were having a false wall put in for the new plumbing, we took the opportunity to add in some niche inserts for storing toiletries, as it would be really tricky to reach them otherwise,' says Agnes

Shower, £400, Amberth







LEFT 'The basin is built into the worktop with the splashback in the same material so it looks like it's growing out of the wall,' says Agnes. 'As it's deep, it contains splashes'

Beton 20mm composite worktop, built in basin and splashback, £2,100, Amberth



66 Using a design company helped us to think outside the box, and it meant we didn't have to wait for tradesmen 99









Make it work for you

AGNES'S CHOICE: A SUNKEN BATH

The perfect solution if your bathroom lacks ceiling height but you're determined to have a luxurious bath

Sunken baths, usually associated with spa retreats and boutique hotels, can add a touch of luxury and create impact at home, too.

What are the benefits? As they take up less space and don't obstruct sightlines or windows, a sunken bath will make your bathroom feel bigger. And, as Agnes found, sinking a bath can provide extra head height for showering in low-ceilinged or awkward-shaped rooms.

Are there any negatives? Are there any negacine.
Besides installation costs, the main issue is that it can be difficult for elderly people and children to get in and out of a sunken bath. Bathing small children and cleaning the tub may also put more strain on your back.

How low can I go? A sunken bath sitting flush to the floor is a major undertaking. Far easier is partially sinking your tub, which still allows access for waste maintenance. Go as low as the void between your floor joists allows - a structural engineer can say if they offer sufficient support - but leave access for pipe repairs.

Who will do it? The building work can be a DIY job. You may need a frame support that the bath slots into, to help carry the load and ensure it doesn't flex. A qualified plumber should connect the water and drainage, and ensure it all complies with building regulations.

Which bath should I buy? An inset bath that's reinforced or rigid won't flex as you step into it. Look for high-quality acrylic, like Lucite, or enamelled steel. Go for integral handles for hoisting yourself up. As wall-mounted taps can be easier to install, go for a tub without tap holes.

How do I maximise impact?
Position by floor-to-ceiling windows to recreate the opulence of an indoor pool. Use striking flooring or stone, with recessed LED uplights (rated IP67 for use near water) around the bath's perimeter, then add designer taps.

66Choose a bath with built-in support to maintain its structure. Alternatively, a concrete or metal frame can be added 99

CLAIRE GAY, SECTOR MARKETING MANAGER, ROCA



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MAXIMISE Potential

Discover how adding windows or moving doorways could boost your space at Architect Your Home, which offers pay-as-yougo services.

DESIGN

Cohesion Get ideas for your sunken bath and ensure the décor gels by visiting a bathroom design specialist – try Ripples or CP Hart.

IDEAL HOME LOVES... SUNKEN BATHS FOR ANY SPACE



DECO DETAILS

Granley Deco bath in acrylic, L170cm x W70cm, £400, Heritage Bathrooms



CORNER SOLUTION

Loop & Friends corner bath in acrylic, L140cm x W140cm, £953, Villeroy & Boch



BACK SUPPORT

Reserva single ended bath in acrylic, L170cm x W80cm, £345. Frontline Bathrooms















BATHROOM PROJECT

Welcome to my home

Angela Sheehan lives here with her husband, Dermot. Their grown-up children have left home.

THE PROPERTY A six-bed Victorian detached house in Deal, Kent.

WHAT IT COST

Bath and shower.	£937
Basin and vanity	£1,050
Taps	£780
Loo	£787
Tiles	£726
Cabinet	£840
Radiator	£170
Lighting	£414
TOTAL	£5,704

66I especially love the floor tiles. Everyone comments on how lovely they look! 99





HOW ANGELA AND DERMOT DID IT

'We had a leak from the bathroom into the hall below last year, which pushed us into revamping it. The room had two doors into it, from the landing and the dressing room adjoining our bedroom. With the airing cupboard, that meant we had three doors to work around, so we blocked up the one to the dressing room. This gave us the wall space we needed for a basin unit and

a freestanding cabinet next to it. I felt that a black-and-white scheme would reflect the house's Victorian heritage, and chose damson as an accent colour to tie in with the colours in our bedroom. The building work took two months, and cost around £4,000 for plumbing, rewiring, tiling and painting. It was money well spent, because we're really pleased with the outcome.'

BELOW 'I switched from bold wallpaper to a bold floor and, although the patterned floor is vivid, the grey paint calms the room down,' says Angela

Imperial Linea Westminster tall unit in wenge, £840, Ashford Plumbing and Heating Supplies. Walls painted in Pale Steel, £35 for 2.5ltr, Laura Ashley. Black gloss ceramic wide rail border, six for £14.99, Wickes







BATHROOM PROJECT





ABOVE A quadrant-shaped shower is the best shape for squeezing in behind a door Midas dual shower, £287, Ashford Plumbing and Heating Supplies

BELOW 'I chose this design for the floor tiles because it's similar to the original Victorian tiles in my porch,' says Angela Galena Tiles, £33 per sq m, Walls and Floors

ABOVE 'I wanted a traditional feel that's in keeping with the age of the house,' says Angela. 'I had my eye on a beautiful bow-front cabinet I'd seen in a brochure. I splashed out and bought it and this matching vanity unit from the same

range. I spent on this, but saved on the bath and shower'

Imperial Linea Westminster vanity unit and basin, £1,050; Imperial Regent taps, £270; all Ashford Plumbing and Heating Supplies. For a similar chair, try Bouji in Pansy Purple, £179, Made.com

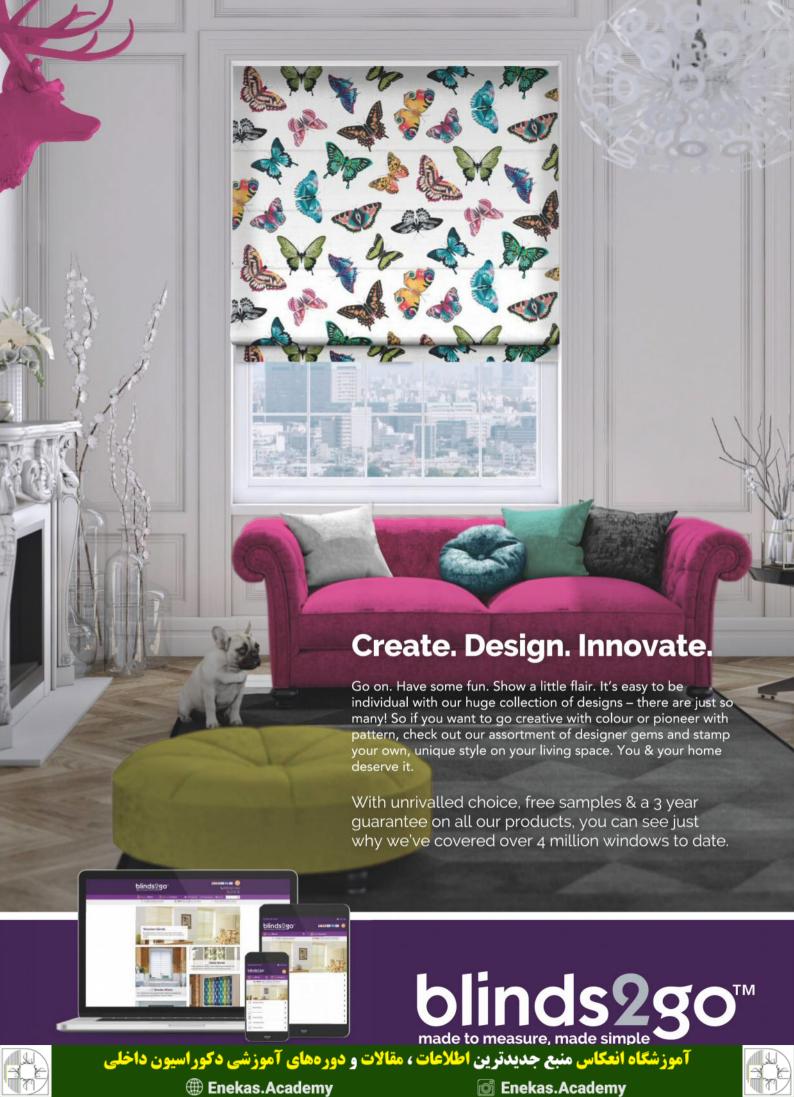
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Make it work for you

ANGELA'S STYLE: HERITAGE GLAMOUR

Monochrome floor tiles, dusky shades and sparkling accents add a contemporary edge to a classic bathroom





Sheepskin rug in black,



Dulwich bath in black, £699, Victoria Plum

Ideal Home







King Street Townhouse and Great John Street, Manchester

TWO-NIGHT STAY FROM £175PP, PLUS CHAMPAGNE AFTERNOON TEA

It's not just the central location that sets these two boutique boltholes apart. Great John Street retains many Victorian features from its days as a school, including large windows and attractive fireplaces. It's filled with plenty of thoughtful design touches and the highlight is the rooftop lounge, perfect for an evening drink. The larger of the two hotels, King Street Townhouse, occupies a magnificent 19th-century building with similarly eclectic interiors. Head up to the rooftop infinity pool and spa, framing spectacular views of Manchester's Town Hall clock tower.

WE LOVE... The spectacular rooftop infinity pool at King Street Townhouse and the hidden rooftop at Great John Street.

THE PRICE

Two-night stay from £175pp*

WHAT'S INCLUDED

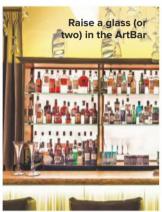
- Stay two nights at either King Street Townhouse or Great John Street
- Breakfast each day and Champagne afternoon tea
- Free Wi-Fi

Offer applies to stays from 2 January to 31 March 2018, excluding 9, 10, 14, 16 and 17 February

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Abbey Hotel, Bath

FROM £65PP A NIGHT, PLUS FREE DINING VOUCHER

This independently owned hotel in the heart of Bath is the perfect pied-à-terre for a break in one of Britain's most beautiful cities. Located just a short stroll from the Roman Baths and a stone's throw from the best shopping in town, the Abbey Hotel is spread across three houses in a Georgian terrace. Owners lan and Christa Taylor have combined the latest mod cons (such as iPads loaded with local information in each room) and an eclectic collection of art with great service. During your stay, savour superb food in the Allium Restaurant, run by recently appointed head chef Rupert Taylor.

WE LOVE... The central location: the Roman Baths, bars, shops, sights – even the train station – are all within a short walk.

THE PRICE

From £65pp* (reduced from £80pp)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- One night's accommodation
- £10 voucher to use in the Allium restaurant

Offer applies from Sunday to Thursday, 1 September to 16 November 2017

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Ideal Home







St Moritz Hotel, Cornwall

SAVE 33% ON A THREE-NIGHT STAY, PLUS SPA DISCOUNT

The fusty St Moritz Hotel was knocked down a decade ago to make way for this sleek, contemporary upgrade with stellar views over the Camel Estuary and the Atlantic Ocean beyond. Out went the outdated decor and in came oak floors, stylishly furnished rooms and a wonderful Cowshed Spa, two swimming pools, gym, two gourmet restaurants and a bustling bar. The location is equally enticing — Greenaway Beach is at the end of the lane and Rock, Padstow and Polzeath are nearby. It's the ideal destination whether you're looking for a relaxing beach stay, indulgent spa break or a family get-together.

WE LOVE... That the hotel is a breath of fresh Cornwall air, the supremely comfortable beds and, of course, the unbeatable location.

THE PRICE

Three-night stay from £178pp* (reduced from £267pp)

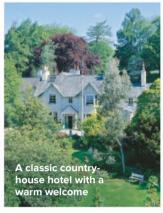
WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Three nights in a Cosy room
- Breakfast each day
- £20 credit towards a Cowshed Spa treatment

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Gilpin Hotel & Lake House, Windermere, Lake District

TWO-NIGHT STAY FROM £225PP, PLUS MICHELIN-STARRED DINING

You'll feel completely at home in this family-run country house hotel in the Lake District. All the charming rooms have Lakeland views and there's plenty of space for relaxation in the elegant lounge or the terraced gardens. Take a walk in the beautiful surrounding countryside then reward yourself with an indulgent treatment in the Lake House Jetty Spa. Enjoy an evening meal at the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant Hrishi, with specialities such as roast Goosnargh duck, given an exotic Asian twist.

WE LOVE... That the spa's Swedish-style treatment room has been raised up into the tree canopy for fabulous views over the private lake.

THE PRICE

Two-night stay from £225pp* (reduced from £301)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Two nights in a standard double room
- Complimentary dinner on one night in either restaurant (excluding drinks) A muscle soak spa gift

Offer applies on stays between Monday and Thursday, 19 November 2017 to 31 January 2018, excluding 1 December 2017 to 7 January 2018, as well as school and bank holidays

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The garden feels like part of our home now'

Dave and Jane Catchpole reconfigured the layout of their 1920s home, adding a contemporary kitchen extension with glazed bifold doors to help bring the outdoors in













Welcome to our home

Dave and Jane Catchpole live here. The couple are retired and have grown-up children.

THE PROPERTY

Four-bedroom detached house in Herefordshire.

VALUE

Bought in 2012 for £305,000; now worth around £670,000.

WHAT IT COST

66 Now we can see the garden through the bifold doors, and our deck serves as an outdoor room 99





Take a quick tour...



hen Dave and Jane Catchpole bought their Twenties house, the kitchen was cramped, and small-paned singleglazed windows made it cold and dark. 'We wanted to reconfigure and renovate the whole house to bring it up to date but without sacrificing the character,' says Jane. 'We also wanted it to feel much more connected with our one-acre garden.'

NEW LAYOUT The couple moved into the barely habitable property and camped out there while the layout was redesigned by RRA Architects (rra-arch. com). 'A kitchen extension, a garage conversion and plenty of glass were all on our wish-list,' says Jane. 'We knocked down the wall between the dining room and the kitchen, then extended out into the garden by 4m to make one large kitchen-diner and living space.'

ADDING SPACE The couple moved into rented accommodation during the summer of 2013 while the eight-month project was completed by a local building contractor. 'Finding builders was stressful, and the project took longer than planned,' says Jane. 'We were lucky that the main roof was in good condition, but the damp course did need to be re-done and we replaced all the windows with double glazing.'

FINISHING TOUCHES Dave and Jane painted the rendered exterior of the house and finished all the internal decoration themselves. A softwood deck was built, and the extensive garden landscaping took several months to finish. 'To us it was important to spend time and money on the garden, because it was the reason we bought the house in the first place,' says Jane. 'Now we can look out on to the garden through the bifolds, and our deck serves as an outdoor room.'









BEFORE & AFTER





ABOVE An entire wall of glazed bifold doors connects indoors and outdoors. Dave and Jane planned the interior space to maximise the views

RIGHT The deck is used as an outdoor room with great views of the garden (the couple's pride and joy) and beyond



WHAT WE LEARNED

66 Working with an architect made all the difference, and if we'd hired a project manager to oversee

a project manager to oversee everything the process could have been even smoother **99**



5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

Decking

Paul Davey, decking buyer for Homebase, gives his top tips:

1 IT TURNS AN OUTSIDE SPACE INTO A ROOM

Decking provides a versatile and cost-effective way to extend your living area into the garden. You can create an attractive space for garden furniture, and an outdoor entertaining area, without the need for heavy-duty building work.

2 IT IS EASY TO INSTALL
Products such as risers
(for levelling) and spacers (for consistent gaps) allow decks to be completed with minimum fuss.

3 PLAN IT OUT FIRST
A thorough plan, with deck joists set at the correct centres,

can reduce wasted offcuts.
Staggering the joins creates
a more natural, pleasing look.

4 IT CAN BE FITTED TO

Whether you're after a striking or more natural look, decking can create it. Think herringbone patterns, diagonal cuts, or even placing boards at right angles to stand out. Or incorporate planters to create natural screening.

Non-slip decking is also available.

5 IT DOES REQUIRE SOME MAINTENANCE

Weather can be a friend to decking if you want a naturally aged finish, but for a fresh look all year round, you'll need to oil the boards once a year.







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The cottage had

BEFORE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VELUX

We opened up this tiny cottage'

A small rear extension was all it took to transform Merry and Ben Albright's home

he Albrights' pretty brick cottage was originally a Victorian worker's dwelling for a nearby manor house. It had been empty for nearly 10 years before the family moved in.

STARTING FROM SCRATCH The cottage had been unsympathetically modernised in the Seventies. 'Sadly, there were no original features left,' says Merry. 'The windows were rotten and the interior featured lots of fake wood and swirly carpets.'

MAKING IT WORK Merry and Ben started by getting the basics in place: 'It needed new electrics and plumbing,' says Merry. 'We wanted to move doors and knock down a couple of walls to make the layout work better, so it made sense to insulate, re-plaster, fit new flooring and replace the kitchen and bathroom at the same time.'

NEW EXTENSION The big plan, though, was to build a single-storey oak-framed extension at the back of the house. 'We demolished the entire external wall of the galley kitchen,' says Merry, 'and replaced it with an oak and glass structure.' They decorated with maximising light in mind: 'We've painted all the walls in the same cream colour to create consistency and a sense of flow through each room. Now the interior feels so much bigger and brighter.'



Welcome to our home



Merry Albright lives here with her husband Ben and their children Minnie, 12, and Gabriel, eight.

THE PROPERTY

A semi-detached twobedroom cottage in north Herefordshire.

VALUE

Bought for £140,000; now worth £250,000.

WHAT IT COST

Oak frame......£15,000 Windows.....£10,000 Kitchen.....£4,000 Roofing.....£1,000 Materials.....£45,000 Other.....£5,000 TOTAL.......£80,000

66 It has doubled the size of the kitchen and flooded the entire house with light 🤊











ABOVE The new extension makes a perfect open-plan dining space, with tongue-andgroove on the ceiling for a country feel

LEFT Merry has used the same paint colour in the rear room and the original living room at the front, to connect the old and new spaces visually



5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

Extending with oak

Nik Priday, head of design at Border Oak, has the lowdown

1 IT IS DRAMATIC
Oak-framed extensions are perfect for creating glazed living spaces, with vaulted ceilings and exposed timbers adding impact and volume which makes even a small garden room feel spacious.

2 IT ADDS VALUE
Building with oak can be more expensive, but a well-designed oak extension will add value to a house. Designing the extension as an independent structure that doesn't rely on the main house for support tends to be easier and cheaper.

3 Oak sections are made off-site and delivered. Larger components may need to be craned into place.

Oak ages and seasons naturally, weathering to a soft-silver colour if left untreated. Cracks can appear in the wood, adding further character.

Designs may be traditional or contemporary to suit virtually any home and meet the expectations of planners. They can be clad in a range of materials, including render, weatherboarding, brick or stone.

WHAT WE LEARNED

66 There's a lot you can do to make a small property feel bigger. Kitchen wall cupboards can make a room look crowded, so instead we added freestanding antique pieces which we can change to vary the look?







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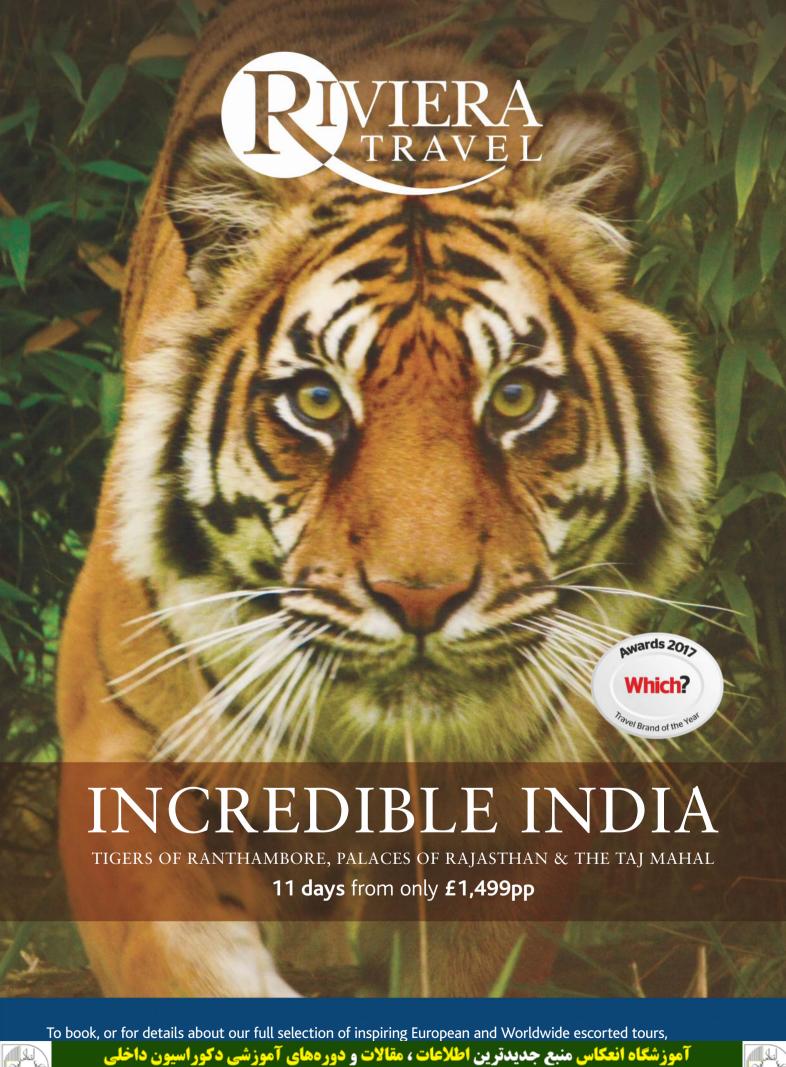
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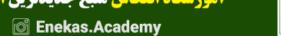
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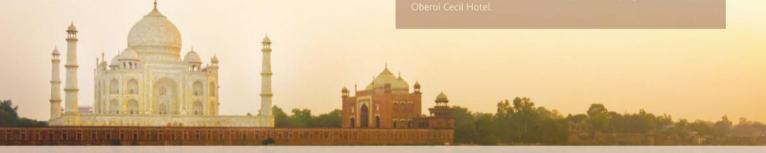
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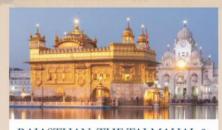
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OCTOBER'S

GENIUS PROBLEM SOLVERS

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THE INSULATED LUNCHBOX

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Ideal Home tip

Double the life of veg and salads by popping a Nanology Fruit & Veg Saver (£3.99 for three, Ocado) in the fridge. They absorb the gas that these foods emit when they ripen

THE ALL-IN-ONE CLEANING KIT

Kids off to uni this month? Ensure they keep their digs clean by packing them off with the Vileda University Kit in hand. Featuring the brilliant SuperMocio 3Action XL mop and bucket set, as well as a dustpan and brush, all-purpose cloth, dishcloth and a scourer, the whole lot is priced at £17.99 when you buy as a bundle, vileda.co.uk.

THE NO-SPACE BEDSIDE LAMPS



THE TIGHT-SQUEEZE SHELF

Space strapped peeps would benefit from the neat 'twofer' shelf light. Lillite, £133, Lillite.com



THE CLAMP LAMP

This stylish plug-in lamp can be clamped onto a shelf, bedframe... wherever! **Noc light, £109, Hay range, Liberty**



THE BATTERY BULB

Hang this battery-operated beauty from a hook above your bed. **Drag light in Yellow, £5, Hema**





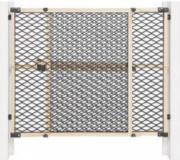
THE BEST NEW LAUNDRY LIQUIDS



- 1 Persil Powergems in Bio and Non-Bio, from £5 for a 12-wash pack, Waitrose
- 2 Method Concentrated laundry liquid, £10 for a 39-wash pack, Sainsbury's
- 3 Barfly detergent, £14.95 for 750ml, Scotch & Soda

THE PET BARRIER

Sick of the dog running mud and dirt through the house after a wet walk in the park? Do your home a favour and get a Quick Install Pet barrier, £24.99 from Argos. Much like a baby safety gate, it'll keep Fido confined to a room of your choice, giving them time to dry off.



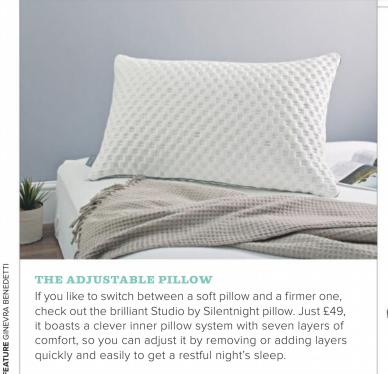
Ideal Home tip

Save your outdoor tap from freezing over this winter with the clever insulated tap cover. £5.99. Lakeland



THE NEAT NOTICEBOARD

Need to get organised for the new school year, want somewhere to keep track of boring bills, or just want to display your favourite pics? One of the fun and superpractical CorkFrame noticeboards from Red Candy will do the job nicely. As it's made from cork, you can pin notes onto every surface and it also features a neat cubby shelf for pens, keys and everything else. Available in three sizes. CorkFrame noticeboard, from £70 for a H47.5cm x W47.5cm square size, Red Candy.



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PROMOTIONAL FEATURE







ADD FLAIR WITH A FLORAL WALLPAPER

Farrow & Ball reveal three new wallpapers with elegant botanical designs that will help to turn your home into a tranquil retreat

nown for its handcrafted wallpapers and richly pigmented paints, Farrow & Ball has been transforming homes, old and new, large and small, since 1946. This autumn, the company has launched three distinctive new wallpaper designs, inspired by the belief that, just as the garden can have a calming effect outside, so too can a beautiful floral wallpaper inside.

The range includes: Atacama, which has a busy, playful botanical print with rich textures for the ultimate escapism at home: Hegemone that's less rigid and

defined than a classic floral pattern, with flowers blooming freely in all directions; and Helleborus, featuring the largest motif that Farrow & Ball has designed to date, characterised by expressive petals and a sense of fluidity.

SIMPLY THE BEST

Made in Dorset, Farrow & Ball wallpaper is hand crafted using the company's eco-friendly, water-based paints and printed using age-old methods onto the finest quality paper to create a tactile finish. The new designs will be available in a choice of seven colourways, from muted neutrals to expressive brights, starting from £86 per roll, from 7 September 2017.

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TECH SUPPORT

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR KIDS ONLINE

Chances are your children know more about the internet than you do, but it's your responsibility to keep them safe online. Don't worry, with a little bit of know-how, it's possible to take control, while still allowing them enough freedom to enjoy it safely

How can I prevent my kids accessing inappropriate content online?

All respectable internet service providers (ISP) offer free parental controls. These cover all computers, laptops, games consoles, smartphones and tablets, and give you the opportunity to filter and block access to sites with unsuitable content, or even set timers to limit surfing. Mobile providers also offer extensive filters, so your kids are protected away from home, too.

How can I turn on parental controls?

Security controls can be found under 'Settings' on your ISP's website homepage (sky.com, bt.com, etc), as well as on your web browser (Google, Safari, Bing, etc). Log in to your account and follow the instructions. If you use Apple devices, you'll find them under 'System Preferences' and for Microsoft, you can set up a Family account via account. microsoft.com/family.

What about social media? Popular sites like Facebook, Snapchat and YouTube require you to be at least 13 to join, yet there's no real way of policing this. When you are happy for your kids to have an account, you can limit their exposure to unsuitable content and attention. On Snapchat, find the security settings via the 'Ghost' logo and if you don't want your children receiving pictures and videos from strangers, make sure they can only accept media



Ideal Home tip

The NSPCC's website net-aware.org.uk profiles popular social media apps and sites, offering advice and simple ways to improve security, with shared information from both informed adults and web-savvy kids.

from their approved 'Friends'.
Look for the '?' symbol on Facebook and you'll find all the security settings. We recommend only allowing 'Friends' to view their personal information, and making sure that photos or videos uploaded are viewable by 'Friends' only. To keep pics from being public on Instagram, set the account to 'Private' and switch off 'geo-tagging' location services, so their whereabouts can't be tracked. On YouTube we recommend YouTube Kids for pre-teens,

which has been designed as a safe space for younger kids, while for older children, turn on 'Restricted Mode', which blocks mature content. It needs to be activated on any device (tablet, phone, laptop) your child uses.

How can I limit the amount of time they spend online?

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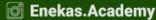


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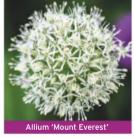
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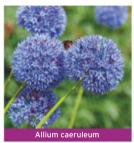












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Put together this classic condiment in moments

In a small bowl, mix 6tbsp mayonnaise with 1tbsp rinsed capers, 4 finely chopped



coley, pollock and hake

Beer battered fish & chips See page 181 for recipe





Pål is a traditional Norwegian fisherman. But he won't mind if you cook something more modern.

How about haddock fillets and salsa verde served on a parsley mash? Quick, simple and perfect for something different in the middle of the week. For the full recipe, visit seafoodfromnorway.co.uk

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Gourmet fish finger and tartare open sarnie

Takes 30min Serves 4

INGREDIENTS • 400g
skinless, boneless cod
fillets, cut into thick strips
• 4tbsp plain flour • 150g
breadcrumbs • Zest of
1 lemon • 2 eggs, beaten
• 4tbsp sunflower oil • 2 mini
ciabatta, halved • 4tbsp
tartare sauce (see recipe
on previous page) • Rocket

Put the fish pieces into a large bowl and add the plain flour. Season well and toss together until the fish pieces are well coated. In a separate bowl, mix together the breadcrumbs and lemon zest. Dip each fish piece in the beaten egg, then in the breadcrumbs to coat. Heat the oil in a large nonstick pan until hot. Add the fish fingers and fry for 3-4min until golden and cooked through. Make the tartare sauce. Slice and toast the ciabatta, spread with the tartare sauce, sprinkle with rocket and top with fish fingers to serve.

Healthy fish and chips

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Takes 35min Serves 4

INGREDIENTS • 400g celeriac, peeled and cut into chips • 4 tbsp olive oil • 4 x 100g salmon fillets

•1 lemon – cut 4 slices off one half, then squeeze juice



• 300g kale • 40g Greek yogurt • 4tsp capers • 4 gherkins, chopped

from the remainder

• 1tbsp parsley, chopped

Preheat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/Gas 6. Put the celeriac on a tray lined with baking parchment, toss in olive oil and bake for 20min. Place the salmon on another baking tray, greased with a little olive oil. Top each fillet with a lemon slice and squeeze over the juice from the rest of the lemon. Bake for 10min. Spread the kale out on another tray, drizzle with olive oil and bake for 7-10min until turning crispy. Mix together the yogurt, capers, gherkins and parsley to serve as a dip with the fish, chips and kale.

Crispy salmon fishcakes

Takes 30min Serves 4

INGREDIENTS • 260g salmon fillets, diced

- . 400
- 400g ready-made mash
- 3 spring onions, chopped
- small handful chopped parsley zest and juice
- 1 lemon 2tbsp polenta
- 30g mixed seeds

Preheat the oven to 200°C/ 180°C fan/Gas 6. Mix together the salmon, mash, spring onion, parsley and lemon zest. Add the lemon juice and season, then shape into 8 equal-sized



fishcakes. Sprinkle the polenta and seeds onto a plate and roll the fishcakes in the mixture to coat evenly. Transfer the fishcakes to a baking tray, lined with baking parchment, and bake for 20min, turning halfway through, until they are golden brown and crisp. Alternatively, you can fry them in sunflower oil for around 5min each side. Serve with the tartare sauce recipe on the previous page.

Beer battered fish & chips

Takes 40min Serves 4

INGREDIENTS • 1kg
potatoes, cut into wedges
• 1tbsp sunflower oil
• 115g plain flour • 1tsp
baking powder • 1tsp salt
• 150ml beer, light ale or
lager, chilled • Sunflower
or groundnut oil for
deep-frying • 4 x 175g
white fish fillets, coated
in seasoned flour

Preheat the oven to 220°C/200°C fan/Gas 7. Place the potatoes in salted, boiling water for 5min, then drain. Toss in oil, season, and place on a tray in the oven for 15-20min. Sift the flour and baking powder into a bowl and stir in the salt. Make a well in the centre and whisk in the beer, light ale or lager to make a batter the consistency of double cream. Heat the oil in a



large deep pan or deep-fat fryer to 180°C. Dip two of the fillets in the batter to coat, then lower into the hot oil. Fry for 6-7min until the batter is crisp and golden. Drain on kitchen paper and keep warm while frying the remaining fillets. Meanwhile, make the tartare sauce recipe on the previous page and serve it alongside the fish and chips.



Speedy coleslaw

Takes 2min Serves 4

INGREDIENTS • 150g red cabbage, thinly sliced

- 2 large carrots, grated
- 4 spring onions, sliced
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 4tbsp plain yogurt
- 2tbsp mayonnaise

Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl until the vegetables are well coated with the sauce. Chill before serving.



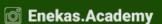






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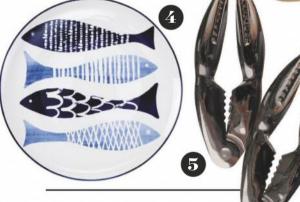
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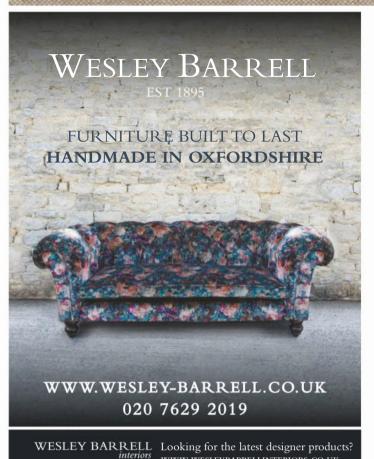


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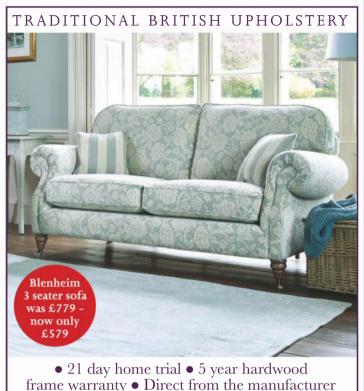




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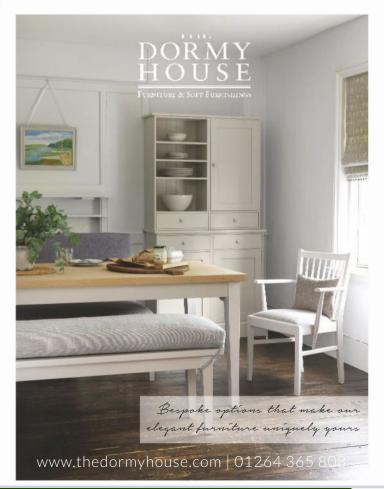


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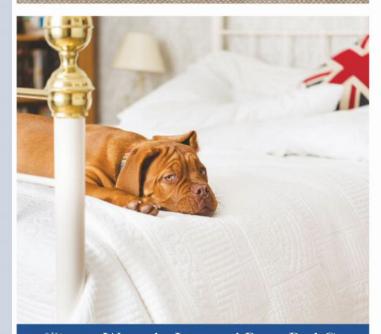








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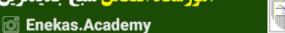
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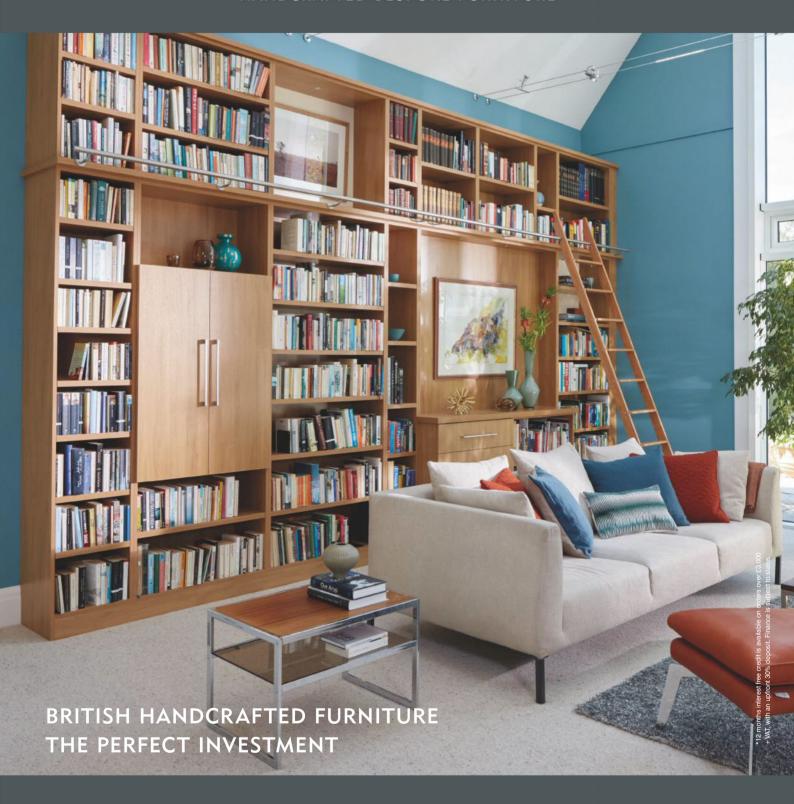






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