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25 BEAUTIFUL HOMES

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GREAT IDEAS
FOR CREATING A
RELAXED STYLE

• Bright • Feel-good
• Inviting

- DREAM KITCHENS
- OUTDOOR SPACES FOR ENTERTAINING
- REVAMPED BEDROOMS
- LUXURY BATHROOMS

Give your home a complete refresh

HUNDREDS OF INSPIRING LOOKS

Cornish
beach house

Extended
cottage

Converted
schoolhouse

Parisian
apartment

Period
townhouse



The grand plan

A complete refurbishment was needed to ensure this semi ticked all the boxes for family life – and it started with a dream kitchen extension

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HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY

Semi-detached
Victorian townhouse

ROOMS

Living room, open-plan
kitchen-diner/snug,
home office, utility room,
cloakroom, four bedrooms,
fifth bedroom/study,
three bathrooms,
basement guest suite

LOCATION

West London

KITCHEN

Interior and exterior are beautifully linked thanks to a full-width rear extension. Cabinets in Squid Ink by Paint & Paper Library with aged brass hardware; polished concrete walls, bespoke by HUX London. Bergen worktops, Dekton. Skorpio Keramik dining table, Andrea Lucatello. Norma dining chairs, Paolo Cattelan for Cattelan Italia. Agnes pendants; Klee 6-light chandelier, Visual Comfort & Co. Stone in Water artwork by Lucie Winterson

**'OPTING FOR BESPOKE STORAGE
WILL ENSURE YOU MAKE THE
BEST USE OF ALL YOUR SPACE'**



KITCHEN

The floor was dug down by a metre to create height and a glazed skylight was added to filter light along the length of the working area. Nata bar stools, Bontempi. Concrete-effect floor tiles, Domus. Black glass bowl, Graham and Green

HALLWAY

A modern monochrome scheme balances with the original architectural detailing, curved console and lighting shapes. Walls in Strong White, Farrow & Ball. Glazed floor tiles, Popham Design. Madison Demi Lune console, Tom Faulkner. Reeded amber glass vase, Rockett St George. Graphic Large Two-Tier chandelier, Visual Comfort & Co. Metal/glass doors, Fabco

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Once an average Victorian semi, this newly refurbished family home couldn't tick any more boxes for the way we want to live now. Light and open, yet with spaces that can be closed off for cosiness or privacy (the living room and home office), and with a kitchen-seamlessly-meets-garden rear extension, plus inventive ideas like a double-height atrium in the entrance, it has a wow sensation the moment you enter. Needless to say, the owners – whose main requirement was for a 'bright, warm yet practical family home' – are absolutely delighted that they have been gently pushed out of their comfort zone into a house that astonishes and delights at every turn.

'The clients, a professional couple with a young son and daughter, approached us as they liked that we offer a design and build service all under one roof,' says Caroline Milns of Zulufish, who worked in partnership with HUX London for this project. The owners were admirers of Caroline's own home and felt that their project, a big refurbishment of a property that had been barely updated since the 1940s, would be less daunting if they were dealing with one company to do everything – from the knocking down of walls to the finishing with cushions and curtains.

The house was completely reconfigured with family closeness in mind: open spaces downstairs so everyone could be in the same room yet still

LIVING ROOM

Glazed doors are a great way to separate a space, while still enabling it to be connected with the rest of the house when required.

Walls in Chalk limewash, Bauwerk. Engineered oak flooring, 3 Oak. Baja chandelier, Arteriors. Sofa, Roche Bobois. Curtains in Twine by Zimmer + Rohde. Try Etsy for colourful benches. Pattani Dots and Dashes cushions, Oka. Garcon coffee table, Julian Chichester. Saragosse side table, Ligne Roset. Orta lamp, Lights & Lamps. Rug, Jennifer Manners

**'TEXTURES HELP TO ZONE SPACES
AND ALSO EVOKE FEELINGS OF
COMFORT AND RELAXATION'**



MAIN BEDROOM

Soft textures balance the linear elements in this sophisticated retreat.

Kimono wallcovering, Pierre Frey. Headboard in Montreux by Westbury Textiles. Kantha bedspread, Niki Jones. Harlequin cushions, Heal's. Velvet cushion, Designers Guild. Bespoke bedside table, HUX London. Array wall light, CTO Lighting. Moonlight artwork by Scott Clay. Rug, Jennifer Manners x Zulufish

SHOWER ROOM

Hexagonal tiles add textural interest to the neutral scheme. Floor tiles, Bera & Beren. MPRO shower fittings, Crosswater. Towel, Zara Home

SON'S BEDROOM

Fun dinosaur wallpaper and colourful accessories suit the interests and personality of this room's young occupant. Wallpaper, Sian Zeng. Jute rug and bed linen, H&M Home. Find a similar bedside cabinet at John Lewis & Partners. Lamp, David Hunt Lighting

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doing their own thing and bedrooms that were not too far apart all on the same floor upstairs. 'It was important to the owners that the two children are near them at night as they are still quite young,' says Caroline.

The kitchen-diner/snug is where daily life happens and was originally considered a purely practical space. 'Initially the couple were unsure about the statement polished plaster walls and dramatic Dekton worktops, but now they feel they unite the space and add a touch of luxe,' Caroline says, demonstrating the skill of an interior designer who knows exactly how much to encourage a client to opt for a more exciting result. Above all, the owners are delighted that their

prime requirement of family connectedness has been fulfilled. 'We know that the house is working for us when the children are careering around without getting in each other's way,' they say.

A sense of flow pervades the space thanks to its serene and neutral palette, which is enlivened with just the right amount of detail introduced by Caroline, who started off in textile design. Happy owners equal a happy designer, who says the secret to getting it right is taking time to learn how people want to live in and use a space. 'You can then use this knowledge to create a home that supports their lifestyle and where they feel completely comfortable and utterly relaxed.' 25

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DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM

This small room was opened up to the rafters to create a dramatic architectural feel. Walls in Salix, Little Greene. Patchwork rug, Jennifer Manners. Commodus chair, The Sofa & Chair Company