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Key to the success of this renovation was a sensitive approach, given Emmajane's sentimental attachment to her home. 'Lucy brought empathy to those inevitable trade-offs,' she reflects. 'The greige carpet on which Jasper took his first steps had to go, but the blue velvet sofa on which he spoke his first words remains, albeit reinvented with a smart red and cream stripe cover. 'It's a pattern that has a traditional, smart feel,' adds Lucy. 'But in this case, we upholstered the sofa using stripes that run in different directions, which add a more contemporary twist to the look.'



BEDROOM

Lucy reworked this space, replacing a double bed with a sofa bed so that it could also function as a wellbeing and exercise room. Bedcover and cushion in Jessamine Pink/Leaf, Colefax and Fowler. Commode with ribbed drawers, Chelsea Textiles. Pyraz lamp base, Oka. Cinnamon on Red Marigold lampshade, Penny Morrison

The interior designer introduced other elevating details too, such as decorating Emmajane's garden office in soft greens, combined with rich, frond-laden double-faced curtains to create a connection with the natural world, and adding smart piping to the newly upholstered kitchen banquette. Plus with Emmajane and Jasper both being classically trained pianists, she also incorporated their upright piano into the sitting room scheme, building thoughtfully lit bookshelves around it. 'At last, it feels like it has its own place in our home,' reflects Emmajane. 'We'll often play it for stress relief after a busy day.'

In fact, newly renovated, the entire house is like balm to this family. 'It's designed for comfort as well as elegance and warmth,' she concludes. 'We feel safe, nurtured and truly at home here.' 25
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BATHROOM

The existing fittings were retained, but the space was updated by repainting the vanity and bath to add a smart pop of colour. Vanity and bath painted in Blue Pearl, Paint & Paper Library. Blind in Travelling Light outdoor fabric, Christopher Farr Cloth. Shower curtain trimmed in Tubai indoor/outdoor braid in Indigo, Romo

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HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY New build

ROOMS Sitting room, kitchen-diner/living area, TV/playroom, study, utility room, studio, cloakroom, five bedrooms, seven bathrooms, three dressing rooms

LOCATION Surrey

Opportunity KNOCKS

A stunning new build swept Evelyn and Lucas Hart off their feet even though they had been looking for a doer-upper

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KITCHEN

Rich American walnut cabinetry creates a sophisticated backdrop, while bar seating at the island acts as a sociable hub for guests. Kitchen cabinetry and island bar, designed by Run For The Hills; made by Hux. Bar stools, Sweetpea & Willow. Pendant lights, Original BTC. Doors, Perla

'THE DOORS HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE BEST CHOICES - THEY OPEN UP THE SPACE SO MUCH AS WELL AS LETTING LOTS OF LIGHT THROUGH THE HOUSE'



When Evelyn and Lucas Hart began hunting for their forever home, they certainly hadn't pictured a new build as 'the one'. However, once the estate agent showed them images for a development underway in Surrey, it ticked all of their boxes.

'We were toying with the idea of a renovation, but when we saw the floor plan of this house, it was exactly what we would have wanted from a renovation or self-build, so we knew the opportunity was too good to miss,' says Evelyn.

Formerly based in a beloved two-bedroom flat in Wimbledon village with their son Theodore, the couple craved more space but wanted to move somewhere that had a similar community feel. With the area's thriving village vibe and Lucas' family close by, the couple were sold on this house.

The couple purchased the house just as it was out of the ground, so Evelyn and Lucas swiftly

hired Run For The Hills to ensure that the interiors were tailored to their exact specifications. 'We knew the internal spaces were going to feel big and we wanted to make sure that we didn't lose the sense of homeliness with that,' says Evelyn.

Evelyn and Lucas had a very clear brief – they wanted the spaces to ooze with boutique hotel glamour, heavily influenced by Soho House, while still being a warm and inviting family home. With a number of designs for sultry bars and luxurious member's clubs under its belt, Run For The Hills felt like the perfect match for the project.

'We injected a hotel vibe predominantly through bespoke joinery, including lots of custom banquette-style seating, bar-style units and display counters, as well as through the choices of fabrics, textiles and finishes,' explains Anna Burles of Run For The Hills. 'We kept things contemporary chic, accented with glamorous brass and bronze finishes,

DINING AREA
Feature lighting over the table draws your eye, creating a focal point as you enter the space. The stylish bar with antique mirror splashback adds the boutique feel the pair wanted. In the TV room beyond, a wall unit adds acres of storage and a punch of colour. Dining table, Noho Home. Dining chairs, Barker and Stonehouse. Pendant (above table), Sweetpea & Willow. Bar, designed by Run For The Hills; made by Hux; in Railings, Farrow & Ball. Walls in TV room in Dead Salmon, Farrow & Ball. Sofa, Loaf. Wall unit designed by Run For The Hills; made by Hux

SITTING ROOM
An eclectic mix of designer-selected furniture and textiles with glamorous metallic finishes ensures the interiors are visually stimulating and yet sophisticated. A low-level joinery piece spans the width of the whole double sitting room, helping to connect the two individually styled areas. Walls in Drop Cloth, Farrow & Ball. Sideboard designed by Run For The Hills; made by Hux. Leaf wall light, Rockett St George. Vase, Design Vintage. Artwork by DEX, London Art Prints. Table lamp; Vivienne modular boucle sofa (below), Soho Home. Joinery designed by Run For The Hills; made by Hux. Blind in Flanders fabric in Limewash, Warwick Fabrics, and in Herringbone fabric in Natural, Kensington Design





SON'S ROOM
One of Evelyn's favourite spaces, this is a serene scheme designed to be playful yet also sustainable with beautiful pieces designed to last. Shelving, The White Company. Side table, Rose & Grey. Cot and kids' table and chairs, Scandiborn. Sheepskin rug, Dunelm. Rug, Zara Home. Woven basket, Connox. Baby mobile, The Great-Grandchild

MAIN EN SUITE
This contains a free-standing bath and double shower for the ultimate bathing experience. A chic vanity unit and dark teal tiling add drama to the space. Wall tiles, Mandarin Stone. Wall light, J Adams & Co. Vanity unit, Artelinea. Mirror, William Wood



'THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE, GLAMOROUS BRASS AND BRONZE FITTINGS ELEVATE THE NEUTRAL COLOURWAYS'



gorgeous heritage paints and an eclectic mix of designer-selected furniture and textiles.'

Anna also reconfigured the floor plan slightly by introducing striking green-framed doors to open up the main living and kitchen-dining space, as well as optimising room layouts and furniture configurations to achieve that luxurious boutique hotel feel that Evelyn and Lucas wanted.

She collaborated with the couple to specify a creative mix of tiles and baths, basins, taps and controls in the bathrooms to make sure they felt tailored to them. 'It's made every inch of the house feel like our home as I know the love and attention that was poured into every decision,' says Evelyn.

The expansive ground floor consists of a double sitting room, large study, separate family lounge, playroom, cloakroom and a huge kitchen-diner and snug with views towards the garden. Anna worked closely with the house developer to zone the space

and curate the material choices; sumptuous soft furnishings, reflective surfaces and statement light fittings all contribute to this feeling of a relaxed yet refined atmosphere. Upstairs, each bedroom is designed as its own designated luxury hotel-style suite, with the pièce de résistance being the main suite with its huge lounge area, gold-framed doors and oversized chandeliers.

'While I really loved our little flat, I was live-streaming barre classes from our spare room with terrible internet connection and navigating basement stairs with a pram wasn't much fun, so the extra space has been so incredible for us as a family and totally transformative,' says Evelyn. 'The home barre studio space is a dream come true for me and being able to share this wonderful space with friends and family is fantastic. It's absolutely everything we envisioned and so much more.' runforthehills.com

MAIN BEDROOM
This spacious suite is designed to emulate a luxury hotel stay, with a supersized velvet-upholstered bed and a dedicated living area. Walls in Shaded White, Farrow & Ball. Lichen velvet bed; Rose velvet sofa; mirror; throws; blankets and cushions, all Soho Home. Shelving, Maisons du Monde. Bench; boucle armchairs; chandeliers, all Pure White Lines. Rugs, Nordic Knots