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FRESH *ideas*

Smart solutions have revolutionised how Alice and Will Buckland and their daughters now use their delightful home

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KITCHEN

The couple were unsure about painting the huge island pink, until Caz persuaded them to go for it. 'Now it's our favourite colour in the whole house,' says Alice. Units by Point 5 Kitchens, Caz Myers Design; in Peignoir and Inchyra Blue, both Farrow & Ball. Curved back bar stools in Moss Green, Rockett St George

HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY

A detached, double-fronted 1920s house

ROOMS Sitting room, TV room, garden room, open-plan kitchen-diner/living area, boot room, WC, cloakroom, four bedrooms, four bathrooms, laundry room, study, yoga room

LOCATION
North London

DINING AREA

The kitchen renovation has made the biggest difference to the use of the downstairs space with the dining table at the heart of the home.

Cara table, John Lewis, is similar. Shelves in Inchyra Blue, Farrow & Ball. Beetle chairs, Gubi. Lloyd pendants, Soho Home. Herringbone floor, Istoria Wood Floors. Picnic Set artwork by Patrick Caulfield, Mutual Art



What began as a modest upgrade due to a challenging ground floor layout in this sizeable home grew into a full-blown renovation which has transformed the busy family life of Alice and Will Buckland and their daughters Nancy, 14, and Poppy, 12. 'We just couldn't make the ground floor space work for us as it felt too cavernous and no matter how many times we rearranged the furniture, it didn't improve the flow at all,' says Alice. 'I'd seen a friend's home recently renovated by Caz Myers of Caz Myers Design and was immediately impressed by the practical yet comfortable and smart solutions she'd come up with for reinventing a difficult space.'

The most significant change Caz made here was to refigure the ground floor layout which she solved by zoning specific areas and applying colour and natural materials for a unified look. 'Caz was incredibly patient with us while we worked out how to utilise the space,' says Alice. 'There are many competing priorities in a family home, so her idea for a desk where our children can do their homework and a seating nook in the kitchen and dining area has brought us all together, which was the essence of our brief. It took a few attempts to get it right, but it was worth the effort.'

Bare brick work and a wooden floor complement the darker blues and greens of the cabinetry and banquette, while the uplifting pink tones, peppered throughout the scheme, are anchored by the kitchen units painted in the softest pink. 'Caz had a unique way of mixing and matching colours and patterns that we love and using them throughout our home, so everything feels effortlessly connected,' says Alice. 'Once the new layout was secured, my starting point for the colour scheme came from the sitting room mural featuring colourful birds and butterflies.'

Bespoke cabinetry, elegant lighting to replace standard spotlights and plush seating transformed the sitting room into a comfortable space for relaxing and entertaining. Similarly, the TV room boasts a generous sofa in vibrant burnt orange, inviting the whole family to come together and relax during cosy evenings. 'Alongside the look of our home, part of our brief was to ensure it was also practical with plenty of storage and a designated place for dirty boots, laundry and the overspill of a busy family life,' says Alice. 'The idea to use a spare bedroom for the laundry room had never occurred to us, but Caz's experience confirmed what a practical and convenient solution it is.'

Bedrooms have been redecorated and painted in Alice's favoured palette with en-suite bathrooms echoing her preferred colours. 'Caz even managed to find the space for a tranquil yoga room for me and a grown-up study for Will,' says Alice, 'which means there's a place for everyone and everything.'

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SITTING ROOM

The dramatic chinoiserie mural totally transforms this space, creating a unique and striking backdrop.

Edo wall mural in Subtle Pink, Coordonné. Cream Squishbag accent chair in dark oak, Loaf, is similar. Wing-back armchair, Darlings of Chelsea, is a good alternative. Bespoke pink curved sofa in Kirkby Design Faze Blossom fabric, Caz Myers Design. Try the Nina Campbell dark oak Tedworth bar cabinet, Next



HALLWAY

Floor tiles with a beautiful botanical design are the standout feature here.

Blue Ivy encaustic cement tiles, Otto Tiles & Design. Walls in Skylight, Farrow & Ball. Henley console, Atkin and Thyme. Try the Hartley lamp base, Porta Romana. Athena chandelier, Pooky. The Ercol Heritage Love seat, Heal's, is similar

MAIN BEDROOM

A mix of luxurious fabrics and rich materials creates a wonderfully tactile scheme. The fluted oak bedside table combines wood and a dark marble top in an unusual cylindrical silhouette.

Bespoke headboard, Caz Myers Design. Railton bedside table, Soho Home. Iris Thyme table lamp, Heathfield & Co. Margeaux Oblong cushion in Rust, Soho Home





NANCY AND POPPY'S EN SUITE

This room's simple white lines have been elevated using mother of pearl mosaic tiles and vibrant mustard accessories. A large mirrored cabinet enhances the sense of light and space. Yellow cotton knitted pouffe, Beliani. Kali countertop basins, C.P. Hart. Mother of Pearl Penny mosaic tiles, Luxury Tiles UK, are similar

NANCY'S BEDROOM

This space covers every base for a young teenager, from sleeping and homework to relaxing and hanging out with friends. Caz has created a practical and fun scheme in Nancy's favourite shade of pink. Walls in Peignoir, Farrow & Ball. Globe pendant lights, Little Paris Store. The Shorty bedside cabinet in Mustard, Mustard Made

'Caz encouraged us to be braver with colour and pattern and it's rewarding to see it successfully executed'

