

TO BOLDLY GO...

Longing for drama and sophistication in your surroundings? Be inspired by the brave transformation of this stunning family home

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MIXING IT UP

The decor is a fusion of modern drama and vintage glamour, with quirky touches. 'I like to take risks!' says Kate. Steely blues and greys on the walls are a great backdrop for her finds.

Home truths

WHO LIVES HERE? Interior designer Kate Thornton and her husband, Dominic, their two teenage sons, Charlie and Henry, and Chester the goldendoodle - that's a cross between a golden retriever and a poodle.

WHERE IS IT? This four-bedroom, end-of-terrace Victorian house is in south west London. With oodles of original features and a small green nearby, it's ideal for the family.



Livingstone tiles, £6.95 each, Original Style (originalstyle.com)

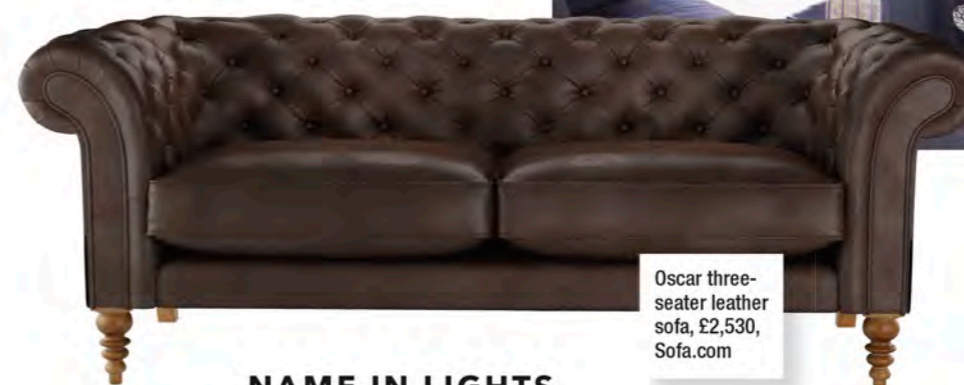


Starburst mirror, £225, Laura Ashley (lauraashley.com)



GOING UNDERGROUND

The basement has been turned into a spacious TV room. The white storage unit and ceiling reflect light, and two walls have been painted in Farrow & Ball's Downpipe to help the space feel cosy. A pair of worn leather armchairs (bottom right) sit on a cow hide that Kate bought from a farm in the Isle of Wight.



Oscar three-seater leather sofa, £2,530, Sofa.com

NAME IN LIGHTS

Aloha circus lights illuminate a dark corner next to a French sorting desk.

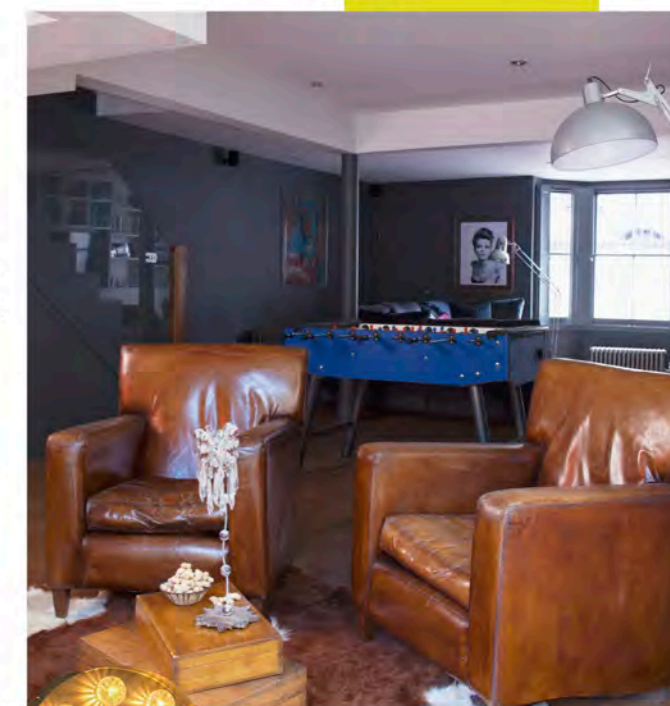


KITCHEN MAGIC

'Daylight pours into the back of the house, so that's where I wanted my kitchen,' says Kate. The cupboard units are by Daulby & Tickle, with a grey glass splashback from Colourtech, and a matt silestone worktop and pendant lights by Gubi. Traditional floor tiles from Spain add pattern.

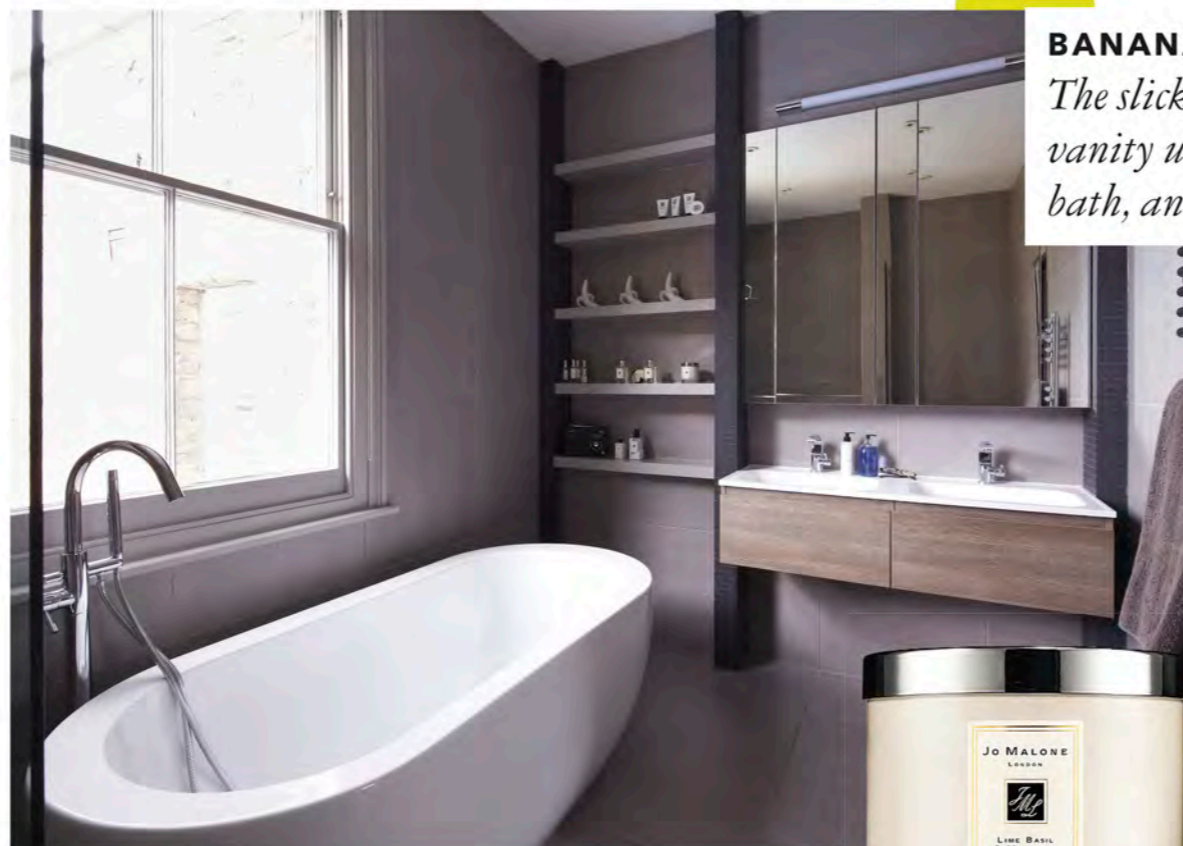
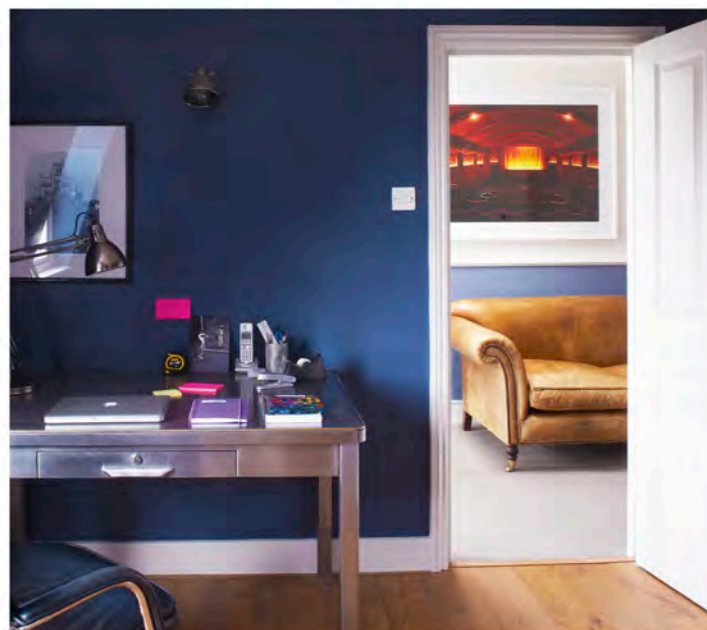


Marquée light-up letters, from £225 each, Goodwin & Goodwin (goodwinandgoodwin.com)



MY SPACE

'After completing an interior design course, I was brimming with ideas,' says Kate. She now co-runs her interiors business from a reconditioned vintage steel desk.

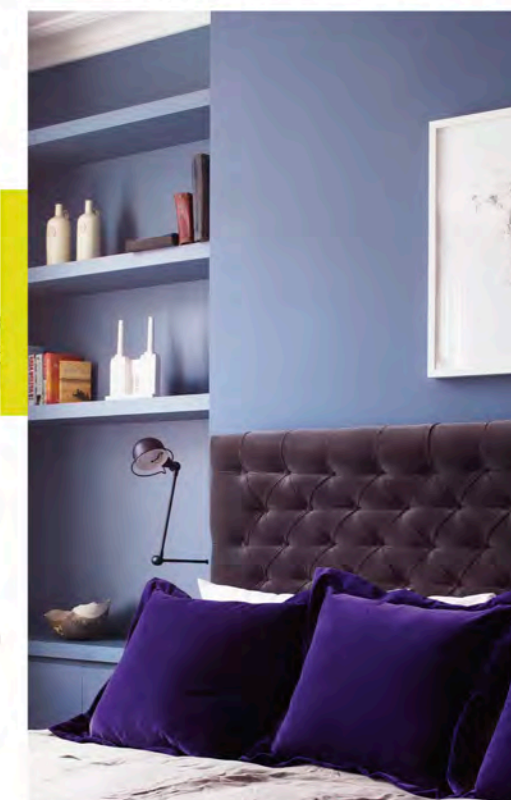
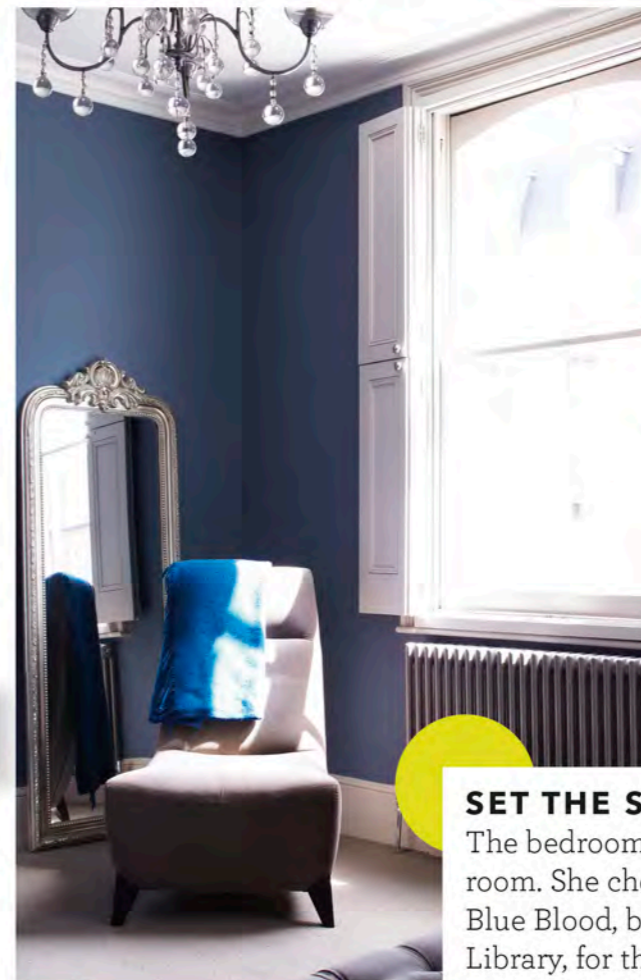


BANANAS IN THE BATHROOM

The slick en suite bathroom features wall-mounted vanity units, a Royce Morgan Bolton freestanding bath, and ceramic bananas from Jonathan Adler.



Jo Malone Lime Basil & Mandarin candle, £40, John Lewis



Velvet cushion, £30, Made.com



Lotus armchair, £289, Made.com

SET THE SCENE

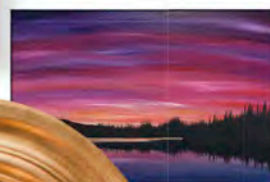
The bedroom is Kate's favourite room. She chose a moody shade, Blue Blood, by Paint & Paper Library, for the walls and covered the Sofa.com headboard and matching ottoman in Elephant Grey matt velvet. 'The colour is rich and cosy, especially at night-time when the shutters are closed,' says Kate. A mid-century brushed steel dressing table is home to a cut-glass lamp and silver brushes and combs that are family heirlooms. □



Shop the look

Mix cool industrial and cosy accessories

Canadian Lake Sunset by Amanda Hunt, £59.88 (framed), Easy Art (easyart.com)



Giant 1227 Tranquil floor lamp, from £2,400, Anglepoise (anglepoise.com)



Compose nest of coffee tables, £449, Dwell (dwell.co.uk)



Lola gold leaf mirror, £150, Alexander & Pearl (alexanderandpearl.co.uk)



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LET THE LIGHT IN

A two-storey glass extension connects the ground and lower ground floors. The original oak parquet floor was pulled up and mixed with new oak blocks so that the flooring could stretch into the extension. As builders began work, the family camped upstairs. 'We went through an entire Winter with only a tarpaulin covering the back of the house,' says Kate. 'I remember seeing snow on the beams - it surprised me how resilient we were to it.'