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Creative couple Lisa Harris and Joshua Collard's apartment is no longer a basic box of a home – now it's an elegant space that oozes sophistication and clever ideas at every turn

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SITTING ROOM

Panelling instantly adds character to a space.

Walls in Plaster V, Paint & Paper Library. *On the Beach* (right), Wassily Kandinsky. Side and coffee tables, West Elm. Shelving unit (opposite), Twinning Design. *Plaster Statuette of a Female Torso* print, Vincent Van Gogh. Print (left), Jean-Michel Basquiat



HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY A ground-floor apartment in a Victorian house

ROOMS Sitting/dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, bedroom, bathroom

LOCATION Northwest London





DINING AREA

This space is designed for working or reading by day and intimate dinners at night.

Shutters, Plantation Shutters. Find a similar antique chandelier at Agapanthus Interiors. Table, Heal's. Chairs, West Elm. Sisal flooring, Crucial Trading

Take one 'unloved blank canvas' of a home with two creative owners (and their beagle Clooney), plus a couple of architects who make up the practice Twinning Design and the result is a transformed space that oozes sophistication, ingenious ideas and a refined colour palette.

Things weren't always like this. Fashion brand manager Lisa Harris and her partner Joshua Collard bought the one-bedroom ground floor flat within a handsome Victorian house both for its proximity to a garden square in northwest London and for the fact that it's just three tube stops to Bond Street station. 'We are fortunate to have the best of both worlds,'

explains Lisa, 'it's like being in a country village one minute and proper city life the next.'

Despite resembling a neglected white box, the apartment came with soaring ceilings (in some areas) and plenty of natural light. 'It was ripe for reinvention and I was excited but also massively out of my comfort zone and scared about committing to decisions,' says Lisa. This is where architects Enrico and Marco Cherubini stepped in, honing and enhancing the couple's ideas, adding their own and bringing it all to life. Creative input also came from Lisa's father Michael, an experienced property developer, who drove home the importance of storage in every available nook,



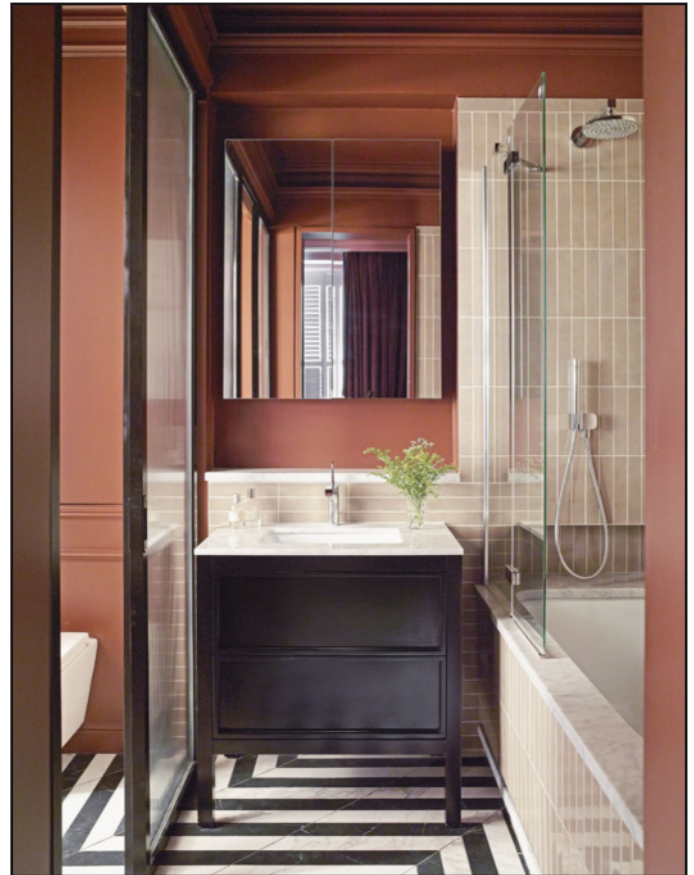
KITCHEN
Shades of blue were chosen for a fresh look. Custom cabinets, Twinning Design; in Railings, Farrow & Ball. Handles, Häfele. Quartz worktops, Silestone. Blue tiles, ABK. Walls and ceiling in Tablecloth, Paint & Paper Library

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BEDROOM

A dark shade of pink on the walls evokes a night-time mood. Walls in Rouge II, Paint & Paper Library. Bed and side table, Feather & Black. Brass wall lamp, Masiero. *Woman in an Armchair* print by Juan Gris




and Joshua who has a great visual eye. Today, the interior radiates serenity and a feeling of spaciousness thanks to ceilings that have been raised throughout and ‘invisible’ doors that disappear seamlessly into walls.

The unifying paint shades in the apartment were chosen by Joshua and they beautifully link each of the different rooms. Character comes from artfully panelled walls that add an air of grandeur and the cohesive mix of textures like wood, sisal, rattan and stone used throughout.

Insider advice from Enrico and Mario was to zone different areas to make them individually purposeful. The light-infused dining area, set in a window niche, is ideal for work and casual meals but doubles as a moody

entertaining space. A gallery wall and a reading nook add new dimensions to the sitting room with its comfortable chairs and velvet sofa. The bathroom – cleverly conceived with an entrance from the hall for guests, and another from the couple’s bedroom – was initially painted pink but has ended up a rich chocolate for more of a wow factor. In the bedroom, a deeper pink was chosen to encourage relaxation, while the kitchen is a deliberate contrast with a palette of fresh blues.

‘We’ve ended up with a beautiful home we love that is full of exciting elements and choices, thanks to Enrico and Mario’s clever ideas,’ explains Lisa. ‘We would never have been so brave on our own.’  [twinningsdesign.com](https://www.twinningsdesign.com)



BATHROOM
Creative design allows this room to be accessed from both the hallway and the bedroom. Custom ribbed glass doors, Barausse. Wall and bath surround tiles, Ariana. Floor tiles, Mandarin Stone. Black basin, Lusso Stone. Walls and ceiling in Georgetown, Paint & Paper Library