

# HAPPY ENDING

A bespoke design in luxury materials and a bold colour palette transformed this Tudor home.

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Elegant cabinetry in a rich mix of timbers creates a smart and individual kitchen.



Mounted on a mirrored plinth, the island sideboard appears to float. A bespoke lighting feature accentuates the curved design of the island.

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**Above** TV cabinetry matches that of the kitchen, linking the cooking and living spaces.

**Top left** The green of the marble mosaics was the starting point for the room's colour scheme.

**Left** The walk-in larder is made of walnut with an internal shelf of Silestone Ivory Coast.

**A**rmed with the deeds of their newly purchased house in Nottinghamshire, Joanna and Simon Lincoln knew there was some renovation work ahead. Ten years later, and Joanna admits that it's been quite a bit more than she and Simon anticipated. 'It's been an absolutely massive restoration project,' she reveals.

Located in the heart of Nottinghamshire countryside, and surrounded by seven acres of gardens and parkland, the manor house property dates back to about 1500. 'The house was frankly in a pretty horrid state,' recalls Joanna, 'but Simon had a vision, he could see

it had the potential to become a beautiful family home once more.'

Starting with the Tudor centre of the house, Joanna, full-time mum to Anya, now 14, and Tom, 10, and her husband, company owner Simon, began the work to restore the flagstone floors and original oak panelling. They even added a new kitchen, before realising that the space just wasn't large enough for family life and all the friends that come to visit.

Eventually they were successful in gaining planning permission to add a substantial extension to the side of the house to make space for a new, super-sized kitchen, plus boot room, cloak room, laundry room, bedroom ➔

#### DESIGN PROFILE

Beautifully-crafted, bespoke cabinetry in maple, maser birch, walnut and Tabo veneer, creates a rich and striking mix in this elegant kitchen, its individuality accentuated by softly curved shapes and smart detailing. Plenty of bespoke storage and ample top-spec appliances make sure that this is a family-sized kitchen designed to make light work of cooking for a crowd, while luxurious soft furnishings in fresh colours add to the glamour. Upstairs, an elegant bedroom suite echoes the feel of a boutique hotel, with a contemporary four-poster bed being the focal point. Silk and velvet textures in shades of blue and pewter and a sparkling chandelier add opulence, while a Japanese-inspired wall of bespoke wardrobes and a circular en suite shower ensure that the room is totally practical as well as sumptuous.

**Chiselwood, Fossdyke House, Gainsborough Road, Saxilby, Lincoln, LN12JH. Tel: 01522 704446. chiselwood.co.uk. Kitchen prices from £35,000, bedroom prices from £15,000.**

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**Interior design prices from £650 for the design of one room.**



**Above** A bold palette of pink and lime green creates a striking look in the dining area with the coordinating leather banquette and blinds.

**Right** The bespoke walnut dining table is topped with glass for protection and trimmed in zambrano and ebony veneer, embellished with the same studding detail as the island.

**Opposite** The kitchen has a multitude of storage with individually made cabinets to cater for every item, including this 'hidden' drinks station, with built-in coffee machine.



and en suite upstairs.

With the extension underway and the final stage of the house restoration project in sight, a recommendation led the couple to Martin Holliday, design director of Chiselwood. Joanna quickly commissioned him to create furniture for the children's play-computer-study room as a test. 'He did a fabulous job,' she enthuses, so then I had confidence in asking him to design and build the kitchen furniture.'

And what was the brief? 'I love cooking and entertaining, so I wanted a very sociable space, where I could be cooking but still be part of what's going on - and it had to be a very functional kitchen too,' she explains. 'I also adore glamour and bold colour,' she adds. Those words were music to Martin's ears. Known for his top quality cabinetry in imaginative mixes of timber, Martin is no stranger to dramatic design and sumptuous finishes. 'Everything we make is genuinely bespoke and we set out not to repeat ourselves,' he explains. 'I like to 'paint' with timbers to create beautiful, exciting and original designs.'

To 'ground' the design, Martin created a ➤





Inspired by a glamorous hotel suite, the bedroom features a bespoke four-poster bed and matching cabinetry in maple, maser birch and walnut. There's even a TV hidden in the cabinet at the foot of the bed, which glides upwards at the press of a remote control button.

*'Sumptuous silks and velvets in shades of blue and pewter fill the bedroom.'*



*‘A wall of fitted wardrobes are inspired by Japanese screens.’*

**Above** Bespoke maple wardrobes feature frosted glass Poppy Pod painted panels and are trimmed with a striking walnut beading.

**Left** The sliding doors open to reveal bespoke storage, including shelves for evening shoes and drawers for accessories.

**Opposite** A glazed, panelled door, to match the wardrobe, opens to reveal a luxury en suite shower room.

large island, ideal for Joanna’s entertaining needs, in a rich mix of warm timbers including maple, maser birch and Tabu veneer. ‘We found some lovely marble mosaic tiles to add a touch of green to the room, then picked up on that as a base colour in the dining area,’ he continues. At this stage, award-winning interior designer Jamie Hemsall came on board. ‘We kept the floor and walls plain and simple, then added splashes of really striking pink and lime green colour in lovely, touchy-feely velvets,’ says Jamie. ‘We wanted the room to be elegant, but very comfortable too – with a sofa where you can pile up a few cushions and totally relax, then smarten it all up very quickly when you need to.’

Upstairs in the new bedroom, Martin and Jamie set to work again to develop another glamorous scheme. While Martin designed a contemporary four-poster bed and elegant cabinetry in more maple, maser birch and walnut, plus a wall of fitted wardrobes with sliding, glazed doors inspired by traditional Japanese paper screens, Jamie introduced sumptuous silks and velvets in shades of blue and pewter. It’s really a guest bedroom, ➔





Lights in the ceiling of the shower area accentuate its circular design. A bespoke vanity unit and mirror in maser birch and walnut echo the timbers used in the bedroom cabinetry.

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although I told Simon he’d get thrown in there if he snores, but actually it’s so beautiful, I might throw myself in there instead,’ laughs Joanna. A simple pod-like en suite shower designed by Martin makes clever use of the corner of the room, its curved shape and blue colour scheme echoing those of the bedroom.

‘I really had to put my trust in Martin and Jamie for the whole project,’ says Joanna. ‘But I was confident that they would come up with the goods – and they did.’ ■



## STOCKISTS INFORMATION

### APPLIANCES

Aga 4 oven electric Aims model, £10,245, at Aga; H5080BM combination microwave, £2,279; DGC 5080 XL combination steam oven, £2,599; ESW 5080-29 warming drawer, £829; CS 1212i induction hob, £1,165; CVA 3660 coffee machine, £1,659; G5935 SCi XXL dishwasher, £1,837, all at Miele; ICBBI-48SD/OPH built-in fridge, £12,792; ICBWS-30/OPH built-in wine storage unit, £8,988, at The Westye Group Europe; SL901 built-in extractor, £1,067, at Westin Design; Design boiling water tap in stainless steel effect finish, £960, at Quooker; Evolution 200 waste disposal unit, £311, at InSinkErator.

### FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS

Oasis 3-hole mixer, £606, at Perrin & Rowe; Clarity 5814W-4U 2 bowl cast iron sink, £652, at Kohler; Silestone Marron Jupiter worktops and Silestone Ivory Coast breakfast bar, from £350 per sq. m; Jerusalem Limestone floor tiles, £78 per sq. m; Zenith Magic Marble mosaic tiles (on splash back and island), £250 per sq. m; bespoke bar stools, dining

chairs, dining table, banquette, coffee tables, cabinetry (either side of log burner), console table, mirror, lighting feature (above island), all priced to order, at Chiselwood; Island cabinetry section painted in Citrine, £33 per 2.5 litres, at Little Greene; Curtains in Designers Guild Bakst fabric in Crocus with trims and tie-backs from the Houles Paris Twiggy collection; William Yeoward Herbert wing chair and William Yeoward Till armchairs, both with bespoke upholstery design; Bespoke sofa in Modena Velvet; Bespoke cushions in William Yeoward Marielle Fuchsia and William Yeoward Elba Lime fabrics; Custom-made Georgette rug; Porta Roman Salperton wall lights and table lamps; all priced to order, at Jamie Hemsall Interior Design.

### MASTER BEDROOM

Bespoke bed, bedside cabinets, cabinet (at foot of bed), and coffee table, all priced to order; ceiling painted in Chiselwood Poppy Pod, £33 per 2.5 litres; all at Chiselwood; Curtains in Wemyss Helios Sapphire fabric with trims and tie-backs from the

Houles Paris Galliera collection; Bespoke bedcover, cushions and throw; William Yeoward Conchita chairs in Modena Velvet; William Yeoward Elka stool in Modena Velvet; William Yeoward Muffy bedside lamps, Icicle chandelier and Nerys table lamp; all priced to order, at Jamie Hemsall Interior Design; Palais Chinois W601104 wallpaper, £54 per 10m roll, at Osborne & Little.

### ENSUITE SHOWER ROOM

Bespoke vanity unit with Carrara marble top; bespoke mirror designed and built by Chiselwood; Nova black granite basin; Bespoke shower floor; Walls painted in Chiselwood Chive Flower, £33 per 2.5 litres; Jerusalem Limestone floor tiles in two tones, £78 per sq. m; Grestec mosaic tiles, £157 per sq. m, all at Chiselwood; Meta.02 tall single lever basin mixer, from £355; Meta.02 xStream bath thermostatic shower mixer, £615; Meta.02 Rainshower shower head with ceiling fixing, from £520, all at Dornbracht.

*\*Prices are approximate. For stockists, see page 160.*