

THE WONDER OF WHITE

When Andrew and Caroline Lewis bought their faded three-bedroom Victorian terrace house they thought it had potential to be stunning and thanks to their stylish renovations it now is

The house, that is now up for sale, has changed dramatically into a five-bedroom period house, sympathetically and tastefully refurbished to a high standard.

Major alterations included adding a five-metre back extension to create a dazzling kitchen, and an attic conversion to create two new bedrooms and bathrooms.

Caroline says: "To ensure that it doesn't feel at all like an attic on the top floor we lowered the ceilings on the first floor to give more height upstairs. We also created a downstairs loo and utility room by being clever with the space."

In addition, a south-west facing courtyard garden with a lovely Mediterranean feel and colour provides an ideal place to enjoy a drink or a barbecue on a summer's evening.

"As well as the courtyard garden we have a little side courtyard where you can hide the washing but which is also big, and nice enough for a little table and chairs."

One of the new bedrooms upstairs features a roll top bath and wash basin behind a half wall: an interesting solution to providing an en suite that means the bedroom retains its spacious feel. The room is lit by sun square roof windows; giving wonderful views of the stars

The house is decorated throughout in a range of whites and off whites. One of the bedrooms has a Juliette balcony to let in more light. Normally the railings on these balconies are painted black but in keeping with the theme of brightness white paint was chosen.

Caroline explains: "White paint gives a feeling of airiness and makes the place flow. We also put in tongue and groove panels on the lower half of the walls that look original and give a real sense of character. It is also practical with children as the eggshell paint can be easily wiped clean."

"Having the floor lowered on the first floor to create extra height in the attic rooms was a horrible dusty experience but it was well worth it. The whole renovation was about quality. There were no short cuts. All the wooden floors are of new oak painted white."

The end result is that an ordinary three-bedroom house has been transformed into a five-bedroom house with more than 1,800 square feet of beautifully laid out accommodation over three floors.

Warren Road, Colliers Wood, SW19, £1.2m, Kinleigh Folkard & Hayward 020 3199 6411





THE PROJECT



Get the look

Front exterior – Fired Earth China Clay paint
Kitchen floor tiles – Fired Earth
Wall paints – Farrow and Ball
Front door – reclaimed Victorian door
Oak flooring – Fired Earth Shaded White paint
Roll top radiators – Castrads, Wimbledon

