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stables



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Warm neutrals and chic furnishings create a calm and welcoming country retreat (p76)



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This Regency home was redecorated to combine classic details with a clean freshness (p84)



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Luxurious materials and statement pieces bring standout style to this townhouse (p90)



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A large kitchen island with plenty of seating is the sociable hub of this family home (p98)



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An interior designer used colour and pattern to inject her home with personality (p102)



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Sleek, contemporary designs enhance the bright, airy feel in this new build (p106)



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A black accent colour and modern four-poster bed create an elegant, restful space (p134)



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AMERICAN BEAUTY



HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY

Newly built detached four-storey house

ROOMS Kitchen-diner/living area, games room, study, utility room, cloakroom, gym, shower and sauna room, five bedrooms, four bathrooms

LOCATION

Worcestershire

An old bungalow was taken down to make way for this USA-inspired, light-filled home – designer Gemma Hill reveals all

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SITTING AREA

Large swathes of glazing were planned in to fill this space with light – including glazed doors leading to the hall. Bespoke armchairs, bespoke sofas in Luna by Thibaut and cushions, all Bayswater Interiors. Olive coffee table in custom size, Loom. Triangle rug, Tim Page Carpets



KITCHEN-DINER

Light quartz worktops are paired with a wood breakfast counter.

Units, Roundhouse; in Railings by Farrow & Ball. Bespoke bar stools, Bayswater Interiors

DINING AREA

The vaulted ceiling is enhanced by a bold pendant.

Roark pendant light, Ralph Lauren. Hampstead extending table, Andrew Martin



'IT WAS A SMART CHOICE TO KEEP THE PATIO LEADING OFF THE DINING AREA COVERED - IT CAN BE USED ALL YEAR'

HOW DID YOU COME TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT?

I was recommended by a previous client who is friends with the clients. They had found a plot with an old bungalow. They wanted to knock it down and build a new house. We became involved at the beginning, when they had the architect's plans but before they had planning permission, so we were able to advise on areas that we thought could be improved within the layout.

WHAT WAS THE BRIEF? To create a family home that was going to be a long-term home. It had to be teen and pet friendly so involved use of stain-resistant fabrics. They wanted spaces for gathering friends and family together, which is why it was important to have an open-plan kitchen/living/dining area as they tend to be in the same space doing separate things at the same time.

They wanted the aesthetic to have West Coast influences as they had lived in the States, and to have a neutral palette.

DESCRIBE THE HOMEOWNERS' STYLE

Fairly contemporary — they love contemporary artwork — and their interior style is relaxed.

WHAT WERE THE BIGGEST PRIORITIES FOR THE HOMEOWNERS?

The main thing was that they were only going to do this once so they wanted to make sure that they got it right. They were very open to advice on what brands, products, layout and lighting to use.



GAMES ROOM

A bar area makes this a great hangout for the adults, too. Bespoke bar stools, Bayswater Interiors. Cohen copper pendant lights, Heal's





WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION FOR THE SCHEME? It was American houses and West Coast style. We created a big, open airy feel with high ceilings and lots of glazing.

HOW DID YOU CHOOSE THE COLOUR PALETTE? We chose fairly natural, knocked-back colours for a soft, slightly rustic feel.

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE? There was a delay in the windows being installed. It resulted in a knock-on effect for the whole project because we couldn't complete certain rooms when originally planned as they couldn't be plastered.

WHAT WAS THE MOST SATISFYING ASPECT OF THIS PROJECT? Showing the clients around after installation, on the day they moved in. They also had a party afterwards, which I went to, and so many people came up to me and said 'wow'. That was lovely.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE FOR CREATING A SUCCESSFUL SCHEME? It's about getting the layout right so think about how you will use the space. You want to know what your layout is going to be before you do anything else. The other thing is getting all your materials together to check they are cohesive. Sometimes you need to edit things out of the scheme, even though you love them. 25

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MAIN BATHROOM

The scheme has pleasing symmetry and contrast. Montpellier floor tiles, Lapidica. Stool, French Connection. Walls in Pampas, Coat Paints



DAUGHTER'S BATHROOM

A fluted vanity unit and geometric floor tiles elevate this space. Parisian Café porcelain floor tiles in Tri Blue; Tribeca porcelain wall tiles, both Artisans of Devizes. Bespoke vanity unit, Bayswater Interiors

BEDROOM

Textural elements are skilfully combined here. Bedside table, DI Designs. Nula wallpaper in Sandstone, Romo. Lamp, Soho Home. Asante cushion in Chalk, Villa Nova. Throw, Neptune

