

COMING OF AGE

Juliette and Michael Bourne's Victorian terrace has evolved into a sophisticated abode that is stylish, practical and suits everyone's needs

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HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY

A Victorian terraced house

LOCATION North London
ROOMS Sitting room, kitchen/dining area, cloakroom, study, three bedrooms (one en suite) bathroom, dressing room, outdoor gym

PURCHASED 2005

PREVIOUS PROPERTY
‘We lived in a two-bedroom flat in south London,’ says Juliette.

COCKTAIL BAR

SITTING ROOM

The dark colours on the walls and joinery pair beautifully with the golden tones in the lighting, mirror and furniture.

Walls in Hague Blue estate emulsion, £52 for 2.5ltr, Farrow & Ball. Allis chandelier, £625, Soho Home. Brass mirror, from £69.95, Melody Maison. Pritchard sofa in Turmeric, £1,399, Swoon



KITCHEN-DINER
Caz sourced the table base from a reclamation yard and had the top made to sit neatly in the curve of the banquette. 'I never thought of having an oval table until Caz suggested it and now it's one of my favourite pieces,' says Juliette. Starburst brass pendant above table, £685, Rockett St George

When Juliette and Michael Bourne moved into their Victorian terraced house 18 years ago, not only were they busy raising two young children, but work unexpectedly took them to Mexico where they lived for six years.

'We left with young children and came back with teenagers,' remembers Juliette, 'and although we still really loved the house, it no longer suited our lifestyle. We'd made minimal changes when we first moved in, mostly cosmetic, but this was our opportunity, many years later, to create a beautiful, practical home to suit all our needs.'

Fortunately for Juliette, her good friend and interior designer Caz Myers, founder of Caz Myers Design (cazmyers.com), was available to take on the project with a brief to create a sophisticated, grown-up home that was still welcoming for their children, Jessie, now 16, and Willow, 14.

ALL CHANGE

'The main challenge for Caz was to refigure the downstairs space, which had a very impractical galley kitchen,' remembers Juliette. 'I love to cook and socialise, so it made sense to open up the ground floor and include a spacious dining area with plenty of seating. The idea for an oval table and an unusually curved banquette has created an intimate space, thoughtfully designed and elegantly produced. Caz clearly knows us well as she also suggested the bar, as we love to entertain, and the desk, because she knows I hate clutter on the kitchen counter.'

A COMMON THREAD

'We didn't start with colour, it was all about the space and maximising the light as it's a south-facing house,' says Juliette. 'It was also important to include doors to the sitting room so that the children can have friends over with some privacy. I love the contrasting metal against the period features of the property. Caz spent a lot of time showing us pictures for inspiration and then pulled all our ideas together creating a connection throughout the whole house. The colour blends so naturally upstairs too with a wooden dressing table in the main bedroom reflecting the wood used in the kitchen.'

Juliette loves the mixture of styles so effortlessly created by Caz and the timeless feel she's achieved using contrasting textures, complementary colours and carefully selected furniture. 'Of course, it's important to have a practical home, but I also wanted it to feel homely and uniquely ours, so the vibrancy of our artwork and the unusual treasures brought back from Mexico are integral to the scheme,' says Juliette. 'Caz was also on hand to offer guidance to Jessie and Willow on their rooms as they both had strong opinions on what they wanted.' With the addition of an outdoor gym and a redesigned garden, the family now has a finely tuned home that's both practical and stylish and suits everyone's needs. 25

MAIN BEDROOM
A plush carpet and tactile headboard and cushions create a feeling of luxury. Margot king size bed in Grey, £429, Made. Jensen bedside drawers, £159, Atkin and Thyme. Sage Green velvet cushion, £45, Heal's

BATHROOM
'I saw these tiles in a magazine and I've wanted to use them for a long time,' says Juliette. 'They have such an old look.' Anchor Lis tin-style tiles, £37.95sq m, Walls and Floors. Brooklyn glass funnel wall light, £89, Industville



FAVOURITE ROOM *'I love spending time in the kitchen as it feels so light and spacious after living with the narrow galley kitchen for so long'*

KITCHEN SEATING AREA
 'Caz sourced most of the furniture, fixtures and fittings but it was important to display our art collection, too, as we love the energy and vibrancy it brings to our home,' says Juliette.
 Margot chaise, £595, Made.
 Artwork by Caroline Chinakwe

OFFICE AREA

'I would recommend a desk in the kitchen - I can always grab five minutes at my computer while I'm cooking. I love how Caz designed it to fit in with the style of the open shelving.'
 Desk and kitchen designed by Caz Myers Design, and produced and installed by Point 5 Kitchens.
 Bespoke herringbone floor, Jordan Andrews

