

**HOME TRUTHS**

**THE PROPERTY**  
A garden apartment in a Victorian property

**ROOMS**  
Sitting room, kitchen-diner, utility room, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, plus outdoor studio with mezzanine and en-suite shower room

**LOCATION**  
North London

**SITTING ROOM**  
Caz has combined grey and pink tones to create a sophisticated space for relaxing and entertaining. Walls in Lead V, Paint & Paper Library. Bespoke sofas, both Caz Myers Design. Sofa (in front of the window) in Vienna Velvet Flamenco, de Le Cuona. Knotted Persian vintage Tabriz rug, Bazaar Velvet. Cosmo side table, West Elm. Marnie floor light, Soho Home. Women print by Joanna Ham

# Hidden DEPTHS

Interior designer Caz Myers saw the potential of a dark and dated Victorian apartment and completely transformed it

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**t**he tailored family home of interior designer Caz Myers of Caz Myers Design is a masterclass in spotting potential in the unexpected. The dated layout and interior of a grand Victorian garden apartment in north London has been impressively transformed into a spacious, light-filled contemporary home with access to a stunning garden.

'It took me two years and many viewings to find a property with good proportions, outside space that isn't overlooked and endless design possibilities,' remembers Caz. 'The apartment felt unusual and quirky and was bigger and more spacious than many of the houses I'd viewed.'

With her impressive credentials in the interior design world, it's no surprise that Caz had an imaginative and detailed brief for the apartment, which she decided to centre around the garden.

'It was important to consider the needs of my teenage children, Ruby, 18, and Ross, 15, and to create space for them to hang out with friends,' explains Caz. 'This resulted in three secluded courtyards at the back of the apartment with one housing a multi-use studio for my work and a den for them, and the other two leading off from the kitchen and my bedroom. We also use the garden at the back of the house as the main entrance to the apartment, which is an unusual feature in London, but really makes the most of the outdoor space and gives the unexpected feel of an American-style villa when visitors open the gate.'

While respectfully maintaining the Victorian character of the property, Caz has reconfigured the space and created a stylish open-plan kitchen and dining area anchored by a handmade bespoke kitchen island in the style of an old haberdashery counter. 'I wanted the island to look and feel like a piece of beautiful furniture that would also be practical,' says Caz. 'I love the crafted dark wood finish and the many antique-handled drawers offering valuable storage space. The adjacent open-plan dining and living area, where we eat, relax and entertain, is plush, comfortable and spacious with plenty of natural light thanks to the much improved layout.'

Ever practical, Caz transformed a dank and unused basement just off the kitchen into a



much-needed utility room and enhanced the stairwell with reeded glass partitions to create interest. 'I love a home to feel personal and unique and that really was my starting point,' explains Caz. 'Artwork and lighting are always a useful way to add your own creative expression and colour will also reflect your taste.'

With greys and blacks dominating the daytime living areas, lighter colourways are a lovely counterbalance in the bathroom and bedrooms. 'Pink and brass are such a complementary coupling that I decided to use them in both the main bedroom and en-suite shower room,' explains Caz. 'The reeded glass and brass shower screen is handmade and allows the unusual curve of the tiled wall to really stand out. I also overhauled the existing skylight above the shower, which now fully opens and creates the feeling of an open shower. I considered storage, too, which is concealed behind the bespoke brass mirror, and the sliding door not only looks stylish but saves valuable floor space.'

Caz opted for joinery in the main bedroom for a panelled effect in keeping with the classical style of the house and chose French doors onto the terrace. 'My bedroom feels like a boutique hotel in the summer when the doors are flung open as it's so light and airy,' enthuses Caz. 'I think it's quite unusual to have zoned areas in the garden coming off different rooms, but it's that unique and special feel of the apartment that I love and buying it was the best decision I've made.' 🍷

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#### SITTING ROOM

The chimney breast has been designed to mimic the original brickwork using brick slips, which Caz painted black. Bespoke brass mirror, Frame Emporium. Axel velvet chair, Graham and Green. Try Cult Furniture's footstool for a similar look



**KITCHEN-DINER**

'I didn't want this to feel like a traditional fitted kitchen,' says Caz. 'Open shelves and artwork give the whole space a funky vibe and the moody, darker colours add drama.'  
Walls in Down Pipe, Farrow & Ball. Kitchen and banquette design, Caz Myers Design. Kitchen build, Point 5 Kitchens. Island build, D & B Binder Antiques Shop. Banquette fabric in Smart Artique 0616-05, Lelievre Paris







**EN SUITE**

'Pink and brass are a favourite of mine and there was no reason not to indulge my love of this perfect combination here. I absolutely love it.'  
 Floor tiles in Floris Porcelain Rose; wall tiles in Raku Stack Porcelain Mosaic Blush, both Artisans of Devides.  
 Walter basin by Ashbee and Stone, The Cast Iron Bath Company



**MAIN BEDROOM**

'I couldn't resist using the same paint colour in the bedroom as well as the en suite - I wake up feeling like I'm staying in a boutique hotel,' says Caz.  
 Walls in Peignoir, Farrow & Ball. Valli glass pendant light, Pooky. Asare storage bench in Blush Pink, Made. Wicker side table, Etsy. Bulb lamp on bedside table, Oliver Bonas