

LIVING ROOM

Kylie wanted a combination of glamour and easy living, so interior designer Caz Myers created a palette of grey, silver, black and yellow. "I knew this colour combination would feel vibrant and stylish both during the day and at night," Caz says.

Lartique chandelier MCL-11, £3,009.55; **silk shades**, £56.35 each; all **Porta Romana**, 01420 23005, portaromana.co.uk; **Bespoke sideboard**, £1,866.45, Rebecca Scott International, 020 7352 3979, rebeccascott.co.uk; **Pax lamps** in grey glass, £233.75 each; **silk shades**, £172.50 each; all **Moro** Blanchard, 01458 210164, moro.blanchard.com; **Mirrored wall**, from £345 sq m, **Frame Emporium**, 020 8805 8899, frame-emporium.com.

BOWLED OVER

Cricket-mad Geoff and Kylie Kendrick couldn't believe their luck when they found an apartment that not only had a view of Lord's but also offered a stylish space to entertain

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Geoff Kendrick must be the envy of all his cricket-loving friends. While many of them were confined to their living rooms to watch the Ashes this summer, Australians Geoff and his wife Kylie were lounging on their roof terrace in the sunshine, their eyes trained on the matches at Lord's Cricket Ground below.

Kylie admits that the location of their penthouse apartment was a huge draw for Geoff when they were sporking about buying the property. It sits at the top of a red-brick building in the leafy environs of St John's Wood close to the centre of London. Ultimately, however, it was the vast space (the apartment covers 2,000 square feet inside and 500 square feet outside) and the phenomenal light that made it irresistible. "We sit one floor above the other buildings in the area, are fully surrounded by glass and are south-facing. It feels like a house in the sky," Kylie enthuses.

The couple had brought a certain amount of furniture over from Australia when they moved to their

DINING ROOM DETAIL

The silk wallpaper has been mounted on panels instead of directly on to the walls, which means the couple can take them with them if they move.

Hand-painted embroidered silk panels, from £57.99 m. Fromental, 020 8960 8899, fromental.co.uk. **Anemone lamp**, £1,026, Emily Todhunter, 020 7349 9999, todhunter.co.uk.



DINING ROOM

With glass on three sides, this impressive room allows dinner guests to enjoy spectacular views of central London.
Oxford dining table, from £4,960, Modernature, 020 7349 7180, modernature.com. **Ashcott dining chairs**, £628 each, More Blanchard, 01458 210164, moreblanchard.com. **Dining chairs covered in Belle Velours in Sand** 1050095-83, £85m, Brian Yates, 01524 350335, brian-yates.co.uk.



KITCHEN

A French polisher stained the existing units in a dark wenge finish to match the wood used elsewhere in the apartment.

Bespoke blinds, Martin Kaye Interiors, 020 8906 9900, minkcurtains.com.



LIVING ROOM DETAIL

A sunburst mirror creates real impact.
Constellation mirror 7811, £2,800, Thomas Pheasant Collection by Baker Furniture, bakerkohlerinteriors.com.

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first home in Britain, but they soon found it was not quite right for the new property and that they needed to start again. As both Kylie and Geoff are busy City bankers, they decided to call on the services of Caz Myers and her assistant Hardus Hoon, from interior design company Blanchard, to help them. The four of them created detailed mood boards for each room before any work began. "I definitely had an outcome in mind, but Caz augmented our ideas and the result has exceeded our expectations," says Kylie.

A base of grey and black tones runs right through the apartment, enlivened by different accent colours in each room; the brilliant French yellow used in the living room was Caz's idea. "We would never have been so bold," says Kylie, "but I absolutely love it. It is beautiful and it really lifts the apartment." The zestful colour scheme and textural fabrics used to cover the squashy sofa, combined with the glamorous dining room under glass at one end, are entirely in keeping with Kylie's brief that Caz make the room both stylish for entertaining and comfortable and practical enough for people to "plonk themselves

MAIN BEDROOM

Custom-made furniture helps give this room a sense of symmetry and calm in spite of its awkwardly placed windows and doors, and sloping walls.

Bed: Hardus Hoon for Blanchard, made by The Upholstery Studio, 020 8563 1399, theupholsterystudio.co.uk. **Covered in** Washington Velvet in Gargoye 379, £659.90m, Andrew Martin, 020 7226 3100, andrewmartin.co.uk. **Mimi dressing table:** £1,932, Mimi stool, £358, both Knowles & Christou, 020 7352 7000, knowles-christou.com. **Stool covered in** Salon Satin in Slate Blue L2542-06, £49m, Larsen at Colefax and Fowler, 020 7493 2231, colefax.com. **Chandeliers,** similar from Boushka, 07900 904427, boushka.co.uk.



MAIN BATHROOM

The suite was fairly new, so Caz made adjustments to make it work with the rest of the apartment. "The bespoke mirrors mounted on top of the existing mirror add an interesting dimension," she says.

Framed mirrors, £368 each
Frame Emporium, 020 7387 6039
frame-emporium.com

down on the sofa and enjoy a glass of wine".

When it came to the main bedroom, Caz and Hardus faced their toughest challenge and yet Kylie feels it was their greatest triumph. The room features two sloping walls, a door that leads into the adjoining bathroom, and a French window leading on to the roof terrace; these immutable structural elements left owner and designer with precious few layout options. The room also becomes hot in the summer and the Kendricks wanted a solution that did not focus around costly air conditioning systems. A cooling shade of green helps to counteract this heat. "You only really see this colour in nature, in the stems of plants such as lavender," says Kylie. Meanwhile, Hardus solved the furniture and storage dilemma with wardrobes built into the eaves, and a bed with side units providing display and storage space.

The couple now has a home that caters for all their needs but, as Kylie points out, in the busy banking world change is always afoot. "We certainly hope to be in this property for another five years," she says and then adds, "unless our family size outgrows it." ■

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GUEST BEDROOM

Kylie wanted to create a hotel-style bedroom for their overseas guests, so chose a quiet but elegant silver grey striped wallpaper and white sheer curtains with silk blinds to set the tone.

Wallpaper Albany ANT02001, £47 roll, Zoffany, 0844 543 4600; zoffany.com. **Crystal Strata lamp** BLB-16, £1018; **silk lampshade** E116, both Porta Romana, 01420 23005, portaromana.co.uk.



HALLWAY

Blanchard-designed chairs positioned opposite the kitchen offer useful seating.

Chairs covered in Nole in Peppercorn XT-D4040-D Peppercorn, silk mohair, E320m, Bruno Triplett, 020 7823 9990, brunotriplett.com.



PICTURE WALL

Kylie and Geoff have arranged a series of individually framed photographs, which act as a storyboard of their wedding.

Frames, £115 each, Tyson, 020 7720 9331, tysonitd.com.