

25 BEAUTIFUL HOMES

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A TOUCH OF GLAMOUR
On the Isle of Wight

A NEW-BUILD WITH
STUNNING VIEWS
*'This is the perfect
place to recharge'*

Signature style

HOMES FULL OF COLOUR & PATTERN



MASTER BEDROOM
 'An upholstered headboard lends a luxurious feel,' says Laura, who blogs at littlemisshomes.com. Valentin king-size bed, £995, Sofa.com. Harriet swing-arm wall lamp in brushed nickel, £204, Hector Finch, is similar

FAVOURITE ROOM *'I love the master bedroom – the abundance of light accentuates its calming colour palette and elegant furnishings'*

and put in new glass for a modern look,' says Laura. 'There were very few original features, so we reinstated fireplaces and added character where possible. We chose wooden doors at the back of the house rather than aluminium bifolds because they give the kitchen a slightly New England vibe.'

Although the couple – who run a property renovation and interior design company – initially envisaged the project as a business venture, they were soon seduced by the charm of the house. 'A few months

into the work, we began thinking about living here ourselves,' says Laura. 'We'd heard on the grapevine that someone wanted to buy our old home and things just fell into place.'

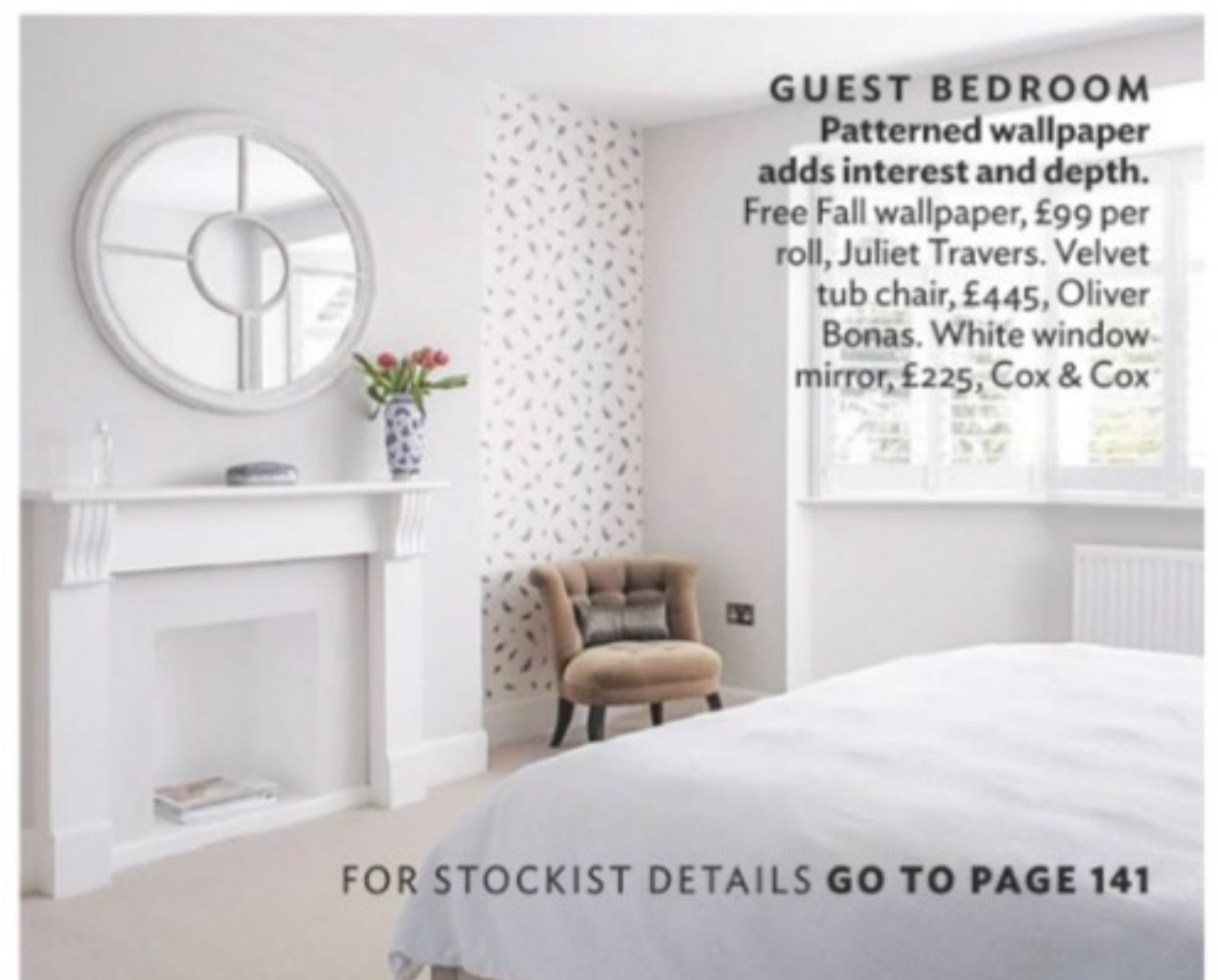
With the building work complete, Laura began sourcing plantation shutters, bleached-oak flooring and period-style radiators for an airy, feminine feel. The couple then opted for a neutral palette, creating a sleek backdrop for bright accessories, including powder-blue cookware, cushions in dusky pink, a lavender ottoman and a striking wirework pendant. But

it is the open-plan kitchen and family room with its bespoke handpainted cabinetry, which is the showstopper. Sunlight streams through the doors, reflecting on the Carrara marble worktop and hi-gloss metro tiles. 'Both of us enjoy cooking, and the layout is perfect as we can talk while we prepare meals,' explains Laura. 'And as the glass doors lead out to the terrace, it's an ideal space for entertaining.'

Indeed, the couple now feel fortunate to have discovered this place. 'It's a great house in a perfect location – we love it,' says Laura. 25



BATHROOM
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GUEST BEDROOM
 Patterned wallpaper adds interest and depth. Free Fall wallpaper, £99 per roll, Juliet Travers. Velvet tub chair, £445, Oliver Bonas. White window mirror, £225, Cox & Cox