



Chelsea Charmer

THIS STYLISH LONDON TOWNHOUSE WAS COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED TO CREATE A SPACIOUS FAMILY RETREAT WITH A FRESH, RELAXED FEELING THAT ECHOES THE AMBIANCE OF THE OWNERS' HOLIDAY HOME IN THE CARIBBEAN

Antigua House offers an oasis of tranquillity in the heart of London. Located in stylish Chelsea, it oozes old style colonial charm with rich polished wood floors, and airy rooms tastefully furnished with natural linens, coir matting and a subtle cream and taupe colour scheme with accents of chocolate brown.

In a major redesign project, the period property underwent structural work to achieve a layout that suited family living, including the addition of an extra bedroom and bathroom on the top floor, and an excavated basement which

accommodates a state of the art cinema room, a small sauna and steam room and two further bedrooms for guests with their own optional entrance.

The outside terrace was re-designed with skylight windows that introduce daylight to the gallery room below which doubles up as a garden room/study and throughway to the cinema. All space within the house is maximised to its full potential with reading/working areas incorporated where space is available to give this house truly



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relaxed and flexible accommodation. Maurizio Pellizzoni Design (MPD) finished the project with a rich layer of luxurious styling adding and selecting original artworks and accessories to create a home of optimum comfort and personality.

"The brief from the client was to create a family home that made the best use of the available space in the heart of London," explains Maurizio Pellizzoni, who originally hails from Italy. "To meet the client's brief, we excavated a double basement to create a new level and added a generous extra room for relaxing and entertaining, as planning controls prohibited any extension upwards. We allocated the two top floors for the family bedrooms with a large master bedroom with en-suite bathroom on the lower and then two further bedrooms and shared bathroom on the top floor for the children."





To build the colour scheme and general style of the house, Maurizio and his team referred closely to images of the client's holiday home in Antigua for inspiration. "We wanted to create a fresh and uplifting scheme, and to have an elegant fluidity from one room to the other by using the same understated colour palette throughout," he says.

"When entering the kitchen, adjacent to the front door, the intention was to create a comfortable and clean space whilst making it homely and inviting with the use of the client's own artwork and carefully chosen soft furnishings," says Maurizio. The kitchen is modern and sleek with clean lines and colours softened by the tactile fabrics on the chairs in the relaxed open-

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plan seating area. The main living room occupies the entire first floor and has a very relaxed and elegant feel achieved by using a large rustic sisal rug to define two distinct spaces within one room – one is open for entertaining whilst the other feels more private for intimate family gatherings and relaxation. The master bedroom and the en-suite bathroom are connected by large double

doors ensuring a fresh, clean and open feel throughout the floor.

“The finished space works well for busy family life, as there is a generous allocation of space for spending quality time together, as well as numerous places to retreat to for privacy. A well-designed, practical family home needs to accommodate several functions, individuals

and generations. We considered each requirement separately whilst incorporating them into the one space to create the ideal layout and flow for a family home. Each private space is tailored to the individual family member, such as the characterful yet sophisticated cinema room in the basement, designed to be the perfect escape after a hard day's work," adds Maurizio.

"The colonial feel was primarily inspired by the client's second home in Antigua, but we were

conscious that it was key to translate the relaxed feel to a functional London townhouse. To achieve this we added modern touches, such as the contemporary kitchen which has very clean lines. We also added sleek, contemporary statement furniture such as the coffee table in the main sitting room and the stainless steel desk and chair in the hallway."

Maurizio's favourite aspects of the new design are the purity and simplicity of the materials and colour palette used throughout. "The

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combination makes the space feel luxurious and special, but whilst being pared back and understated. The materials chosen translate the fresh, holiday feel of the Antigua property into a functional family home," he says. The over-arching design ethos at MPD could be described as modern, timeless and elegant. "For each project our goal is to deliver both an experience and finished result that is entirely bespoke and respectful of the client's individual

needs," explains Maurizio. "I take inspiration from fashion, travel and film and channel these inspirations, alongside each client's individual wishes, into each project to create unique and beautiful homes. At MPD London we believe the experience is just as important as the final design, so we make sure to consult with the client at every stage of the brief. The aim is to create interiors that will look just as beautiful in 50 years time as they do now."



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Founder and company director Maurizio Pellizzoni and his team operate with a network of highly skilled professionals, architects, and specialists at the top of their fields to meet every brief in full from planning through to turn-key dressing.

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