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AMERICAN BEAUTY

The Hamptons, New York, was the inspiration behind the redesign of this large, Edwardian country mansion in Surrey



THE owners

Barrister Alain Choo-Choy and his wife Lynne, a former solicitor, live in this large Edwardian mansion in Godalming, Surrey, with their two sons, Joseph and Louis, alongside two giant dogs, a black Newfoundland and a fluffy white Pyrenean Mountain Dog.



A large Aga that suits the period property acts as a focal point for the room while other built-in appliances are concealed behind the kitchen's painted cabinetry. The Carrara marble worktop, which is white with subtle grey veining, was custom-made for the project.

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he Hamptons, New York, which combines the coastal elegance of New England with quintessentially British style, was the inspiration behind the redesign of this five-bedroomed Edwardian mansion in Surrey. Maurizio Pellizzoni, founder and director of Maurizio Pellizzoni Ltd, spearheaded structural changes to the property and redesigned its interior to have a timeless look that would translate to its contemporary, countryside setting.

What was the brief?

Maurizio: "The main brief for the whole project was to recreate The Hamptons in Surrey – giving the interior an upscale American look."

Tell us about the kitchen?

Maurizio: "It is fully bespoke – from the floor to the cabinetry, the ceiling and the handles. I

spent months researching all the finer details to achieve the final look."

What does it include?

Maurizio: "It has a large Aga – the largest one on the market. The other appliances are all built in and hidden away from view. Next to the main kitchen there is a large utility room too, which is used as a laundry area."

Tell us about the bathrooms?

Maurizio: "The whole property was extended to include a double-height formal room, an orangery, a walk-in wardrobe and three main bathrooms – one for the children, another for guests and finally the master bathroom. The master bathroom has a black and white colour scheme, while the guest bathroom has a colonial feel."

Master bathroom

A white colour scheme has been used in the master bathroom to help create a tranquil space, allowing the owners to hide away and relax after a long day at work. The traditional scheme is complemented by a freestanding Spey roll top bath from Drummonds.

THE designer

“The most important thing is to plan. Every room is different so you need to understand your space well. Natural light is very important as it will create the mood of the room.”
Maurizio Pellizzoni, founder and director, Maurizio Pellizzoni Ltd



Master bathroom



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Why did you choose these styles?

Maurizio: “The idea behind the looks is tranquility. I wanted to create places for the owners and their guests to hide away and relax after a long day.”

Tell us about the downstairs cloakroom?

Maurizio: “The main brief for the downstairs cloakroom, which sits adjacent to the formal sitting room, was to create a wow factor. I used rich colours and a gold wallpaper to give it a luxurious feel.”

Were there any challenges?

Maurizio: “The homeowners own a large amount of furniture, artwork and accessories – some of which are priceless family heirlooms – and they were keen for these pieces to be part of the home. I had to incorporate them into each room so they appeared as though they really belonged.”

Are you pleased with the result?

Maurizio: “I am extremely pleased – it was a very large project. Since it was completed the homeowners have been in touch to express their gratitude – they’re really happy!”



Cloakroom

Rich, gold wallpaper and golden accessories have been included to give this room a luxurious feel. The vanity unit has been custom-built to match the colour of the room’s panelling.



Guest bathroom

Twin mahogany cabinets from Starbay stand at either side of the basin. The cabinets have been teamed with zebra-striped accessories to give the space a colonial vibe.



THE details

Kitchen

Kitchen design by Maurizio Pellizzoni, founder and director of Maurizio Pellizzoni Ltd, including custom-made Carrara marble worktop and maple cabinetry painted in Farrow & Ball Pitch Black, All White and Cook's Blue mpdlondon.co.uk

Bathrooms

Bathroom designs by Maurizio Pellizzoni, founder and director of Maurizio Pellizzoni Ltd **as before**

Master bathroom

Drummonds Spey bath, Double Lowther vanity basin with Arabescato marble worktop, Dalby shower drummonds-uk.com

Guest bathroom

Bath, similar to Ritz Cast Iron Slipper, Basin and stand, similar to Drift Heyford Basin Stand imperialbathroom.com

Starbay mahogany cabinet x2 starbay.com



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