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HOME NOTES

WHO LIVES HERE?

Lisa Brass, founder of Design Vintage, lives here with her daughter, Tilly, and Spanish waterdog, Marley, with grown-up sons, James and Barney, visiting regularly.

THE PROPERTY

A five-bedroom Georgian beach house in West Wittering, West Sussex.



“Texture BRINGS MY SCHEME to life”

IT WAS ALWAYS THE PLAN TO
ADD MORE COLOUR LATER,
BUT NOW LISA CAN'T IMAGINE
HER ALL-WHITE BEACH
HOUSE ANY OTHER WAY

“Find relaxed, sunny spots”

‘There is a variety of seating areas throughout the garden, each with its own feel. I recently added a covered lounge decking area in a peaceful corner that’s especially nice in the evening. With relaxed bamboo seating and ambient lighting, it’s perfect for a quiet drink and a slower pace as the day winds down.’

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Bamboo lounge couch, £735; round bamboo coffee table, £535, both Design Vintage



“Exposed beams add interest”

‘This room was originally a dark yellow, with a plasterboard ceiling. Georgian houses often have high ceilings upstairs, whereas the ground floor is much lower. I ripped down the plasterboard and painstakingly painted the beams white to make it feel taller. It feels lighter and has more interest like this.’

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Large linen sofa, £3,800; Cleo vintage cupboard, £995; vintage dark pot No 4, £175, all Design Vintage

MANTEL-FREE
A pared-back chimney breast ensures the stove is the focal point

“All of the **ROOMS** throughout the house are painted **WHITE** – it’s **LITERALLY** just plain white emulsion”

"I'm drawn to tactile textures"

'I just love a white sofa! It sounds slightly impractical, but these ones have removable covers which can be washed. And I'm really drawn to anything linen and its scrunchy, lived-in feel.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Vintage elm Alva coffee table, £995; Noa rattan lampshade, £60, both Design Vintage. For similar metal doors, try The Old Yard's refurbished double Crittall doors, £1,950

VINTAGE FIND

The doors were found on eBay and painstakingly stripped, reglazed and painted



"Lighting transforms a white space"

'I sell lots of glass lighting at Design Vintage (designvintage.co.uk) and I always wanted to use them. The way glass or wicker shades diffuse light on to white walls at night is incredible.'

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Nature wooden stool, £135, Design Vintage



“There’s as much glass as possible”

‘I finished the dining room extension last year – it had been a leaky conservatory but had amazing light and warmth. As much glass was added as the budget allowed – the light bounces around beautifully.’

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Industrial mango dining table, £1,065; Camden dome wall lights, £72 each, all Design Vintage. All glazing is bespoke, price on request, Clement Windows



LOFTY IDEA

A hanging pendant works as a bedside light where floor space is limited



“I love the unfinished look”

‘The loft room was completed about five years ago. I decided to experiment with a clay plaster that you don’t paint over – it was a nightmare to do but the finish is lovely and natural. My aim was to add as much light in here as possible but as the front of the house overlooks the street I couldn’t add windows there. But I could go crazy at the back – there are 10 windows in that part of the roof! I know that isn’t to everyone’s taste but I love that there are no blinds or curtains and I’m woken up by the morning sun.’

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Long bamboo pendant light, £175, Design Vintage. Bespoke skylights, price on request, Clement Windows



“Open storage adds character”

‘I don’t like a lot of clutter and prefer to keep things simple and liveable – my aim was to create an easy space to live in, without fuss. I didn’t want to build conventional storage into the eaves as it makes the room feel even bigger when you can see the entire floor space. Plus, I like having clothes out. The wooden floorboards introduce a natural warmth and character to the space too.’

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Iron hanging rail, £170, Design Vintage

“This room is decorated with objects, rather than colour”

‘Tilly’s room is decorated with personality – it’s simple yet her stuff does the talking. It’s the only room with colour, which makes it softer than the stark white.’

BUY THE KEY PIECES

Walls in Slaked Lime, £59 for 2.5ltr, Little Greene. Try Stjarno bed frame, £149, Ikea



WOODEN FLOORING
Exposed floorboards bring a rustic, relaxed vibe

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“The pizza oven makes a fun, family area”

‘The kids love to make pizzas so this was an area I’d always wanted to add. I bought a kit, we built the brickwork ourselves and just painted it – I’m so pleased with the result. It’s always popular when we rent the house out on Airbnb too. If an area feels a bit stark I’ll add wood. Whether it’s just a bowl, an old table or stool, as long as it’s got character and life, I know it will work.’

BUY THE KEY PIECES

XL sand clay jar, £325, Design Vintage. Wood fired oven, Amigo Ovens, £1,299, is similar



BOHO INFLUENCE

Coastal rattan pear shaped ceiling pendant light, £129, Niro Home



WALL DISPLAY

Mango wood wall shelf with hooks, £44.95, Melody Maison

STYLE MUST-HAVES

BE INSPIRED BY LISA’S STUNNING HOME



BEACH INSPIRED

Surfer photography framed print, £49, Beach House Art



£25 Style saver

CURVY SHAPE

Mango wood serving tray, £22.99, H&M Home

RUSTIC TEXTURE

Pine low coffee table, £395, Shimu



RELAXED VIBE

Outdoor bamboo sofa, £975, Idyll Home

