

THE UK'S
BEST
PROPERTIES
REVEALED!

25 BEAUTIFUL HOMES

AUGUST
2024

SEE INSIDE MORE REAL HOMES THAN ANY OTHER MAGAZINE

Easy living

GREAT IDEAS
FOR CREATING A
RELAXED STYLE

• Bright • Feel-good
• Inviting

- DREAM KITCHENS
- OUTDOOR SPACES FOR ENTERTAINING
- REVAMPED BEDROOMS
- LUXURY BATHROOMS

Give your home a complete refresh

HUNDREDS OF INSPIRING LOOKS



Cornish
beach house

Extended
cottage

Converted
schoolhouse

Parisian
apartment

Period
townhouse

Calming INFLUENCE

This Parisian pied-à-terre designed by Lichelle Silvestry is a tranquil space in which to retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city outside

FEATURE KARINE MONIÉ
PHOTOGRAPHY HEIDI JEAN FELDMAN

LIVING AREA

A neutral backdrop draws attention to the elegant features, while rich, earthy hues add a cozy feel.

Utrecht chair, Cassina. Wool chair, By Lassen. Timberline floor lamp, Gubi. Vintage mirror, Lila K Antiques

HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY A top-floor apartment located in the heart of Le Marais in an hôtel particulier dating from 1660

ROOMS Kitchen-diner/living area, office/laundry room, cloakroom, three bedrooms, two bathrooms

LOCATION Paris

LIVING AREA
'The challenge was to balance heritage with modern comfort, delivering a beautiful and functional home while prioritising authenticity,' says Lichelle.
Cloud coffee table, Invisible Collection. Curtains in fabric by Casamance



Hidden architectural gems abound in the district of Le Marais, in the fashionable heart of Paris. This elegant top-floor apartment is a case in point. Situated behind an 18th-century entrance door that can be reached via a courtyard staircase, it is nestled in a once-grand mansion, which has now been divided into single-floor units — all of which are listed.

‘I have been travelling to Paris for Fashion Week for the past 20 years, visiting the city at least four times a year,’ says the homeowner. In addition to coming for work, she also used to take her family on summer holidays to the French capital and actually found her dream pied-à-terre during one of these stays. ‘One evening, I looked out of the window and saw a beautiful apartment across the courtyard,’ the homeowner remembers. ‘I could see that the apartment was lit up with candles; wine

glasses were on the table; the fireplace was lit and music was playing. It was a really magical sight.’

A few years later, she wondrously received a listing for this exact apartment and immediately jumped at the chance to purchase it before trusting Lichelle Silvestry — an American, Paris-based designer who heads Lichelle Silvestry Interiors — for the makeover. The brief she gave her was for a home with warm and natural textures.

Passionate about craftsmanship, Lichelle brought the home back to its former glory while subtly adding a modern feel. ‘Throughout the entire process, we remained focused on ensuring that every detail added to the home was in line with its history



KITCHEN-DINER

‘We stained the oak floor to match the tone of the existing wooden beams,’ says Lichelle.

Plaster cone pendants, Rose Uniacke. Bench, The Conran Shop. Wishbone chairs, Carl Hansen & Søn. Units in a similar colour to Pointing, Farrow & Ball. Unlacquered brass taps, Studio Ore

and character,' she says. 'We stripped the crude additions made in previous renovations and carefully planned each step to remove and replace them with more accurate details.' For example, large planks of solid oak wood flooring were installed while the exposed beams were revealed during the work.

The home design reflects and complements its surroundings through the chromatic palette and materials. 'I wanted to enhance the original elements and bring the outdoor atmosphere indoors by using warm, natural colours and textures,' says Lichelle. Timber, jute, wool, heavy-tumbled linens and marble complement each other in the different spaces, starting with the living area. Here, a stone

fireplace combines with a mirror from the late 18th century sourced from the famous Marché aux Puces.

The main entrance of the apartment has been turned into the kitchen-dining area with a large oak table to comfortably seat family and friends. The size of the main bedroom was optimised thanks to the custom designed and built headboard which incorporates a pair of wall sconces and electrical fixtures, providing an alternative to side tables.

'Designing within a historic Parisian building is a delicate dance, a careful balance between preserving its rich heritage and infusing it with the comfort of modern-day living,' explains Lichelle. The cosy and inviting ambience makes this airy apartment a relaxing haven full of welcoming charm. 'The home exudes a timeless allure, uniting authenticity with subtle modernity.' 25

lichellesilvestry.com

MAIN BEDROOM

A custom-built headboard provides an alternative to bedside tables and incorporates a pair of wall sconces.

Bed, Meridiani. Decorative cushions, Maison de Vacances. Blanket, Lissoy. Sheepskin sofa, By Lassen. Textured tone-on-tone artwork by Jaime Jurado





MAIN BATHROOM

'The combination of zellige and Carrara marble tiles grounded the space with effortless style and sophistication,' says Lichelle.

Similar mosaic floor tiles, Mandarin Stone. Similar zellige wall tiles, Claybrook. Unlacquered brass fittings, Studio Ore