

Private residence in West Sussex

Our client had completed the decoration of their family home apart from the main living areas. They loved the open plan design of the dining and living room yet were unsure as to how to decorate and furnish it. The living room already had a fireplace, two large windows with garden views and a large plasma screen to find a home for. The living room was also accessed via the kitchen and dining area as well as directly from the hall. Our client felt that the doorway from the hall stopped the space from feeling cosy and relaxing. With two young boys our client needed the space for play and toy storage. Our brief was to come up with a design to bring the areas together, improve the lighting and sensibly position the plasma screen. We started by considering the



space itself and by closing off the door from the hall, gained a fantastic wall space against which we designed and fitted a bespoke cabinet to frame the plasma screen and store DVDs. Further storage was provided by a smaller fitted cupboard for toys.



By adding to the existing lighting we were able to ensure that all areas of the space were adequately lit and enable our client to create different moods in the rooms for dining, relaxing, playing etc. Extra down lighters were fitted in the ceiling and a chandelier over the circular dining table. The plasma screen cabinet was also fitted with lighting to highlight a treasured carving. Table lamps provided a further layer of light.

We chose a corner sofa to run along the wall opposite the plasma screen with two contrasting chairs and foot stools – one in the dining area and the other in the living area. By way of bringing the two areas together we chose a circular dining table and a circular coffee table for the living room which also contrasted well with the L shaped sofa and the harder lines of the fitted furniture.

The sheer curtains provided privacy when required without being too heavy and since they faced on to the terrace area of the garden, we made them double faced.

“The thought of hiring an interior designer is one that had never occurred to us despite more house moves than we care to count. When we were looking for a home where we could settle for a good few years we fell in love with the spacious open plan design of the main living areas of our now home. After over a year of trying different layouts and playing with colours we were still unable to make the most of what is a great space but that had issues. Jacqui and David make a great team and between them they have led us on that journey to arrive at a fabulous suite of rooms. We now have a beautiful, elegant space that is also practical enough to stand up to two young boys and a menagerie of pets.”

