



## HOME NOTES

### WHO LIVES HERE?

Tina Orlando and her husband Ian Waring live here with their two young children. Tina is an executive and leadership coach and Ian is MD of an energy trading firm.

### THE PROPERTY

A five-bedroom townhouse in south-west London.

“WE CHOSE  
warm  
neutrals”

SMALL  
SPACE  
SPECIAL

HAVING TURNED HER HOME INTO A CALM, FLOWING SPACE FOR FAMILY LIFE, TINA ORLANDO SHARES HOW TO DECORATE FOR A SENSE OF WELLBEING



**WOODEN BEAMS**

Horizontal beams painted in the same colour as the ceiling make this narrow townhouse feel wider

**“Open-plan creates such an easy vibe”**

‘After living in a Manhattan condominium for eight years, we weren’t sure how to use the space in this townhouse most effectively – our architects, TR Studio, helped us figure it out. We decided we wanted the biggest possible living space on the ground floor, so we knocked the kitchen through to a smaller reception room and extended into the garden.’

**BUY THE KEY PIECES**

Bar stools, £710 each, Camerich.  
Lipari travertine pendant light, price on request, South Hill Home





**STATEMENT  
ARTWORK**

This striking piece of art pulls together all the colours of the scheme for a cohesive feel





## “Clay walls give a relaxed, lived-in finish”

‘The colour of the walls creates a frame for the rooms. I thought about exposed brick, but that wasn’t going to work in this build, so TR Studio suggested this finish. It’s also a reference to my half-Italian heritage, evoking the feel of old palazzi. We chose a shade of pink and were quite nervous about the results, but it is gentle and calming. Guests often comment on it and it really complements the muted, organic colour palette in this space.’

### BUY THE KEY PIECES

Clay walls in a bespoke tone, Clayworks.  
Coffee table, price on request, Van Rossum.  
Jute rug, £780, Rose Uniacke, is similar



## “Built-in details are seamless and so special”

‘The architects at TR Studio were amazing at using every inch of space, whether it was storage beneath a window seat or under the stairs. As we love wine, we decided to have a built-in bar on the lower ground floor. It incorporates a fridge, wet bar and storage, and it’s very easy on the eye.’

### BUY THE KEY PIECE

Bouclé stool, price on request, Riley Brooks



“  
A lot of the **DECOR** was inspired  
by our home in Shelter Island,  
New York. We wanted the  
same feeling of **LIGHT** and **SPACE**  
”





## “We layered textures”

The second major structural change we made was knocking through the lower-ground floor to create a big open-plan TV room and playroom. This end was intended to be a double-use space for my coaching business but Covid sent that online, so it's used as a playroom - it's currently covered with toys. There is a curtain across the middle and a big L-shaped sofa at the other end. In the evenings, my husband and I come here to switch off and watch films.'

### BUY THE KEY PIECES

Merlin solid oak block side table, from £130, La Redoute, is similar

**FUN TOUCH**  
A swing in natural wood and rope in the playroom area fits seamlessly into this flexible scheme







## “Palm prints bring a zen- like calm”

‘This was going to be my son’s room but he prefers to share, so it will be a guest room until he’s ready for it. We call it the Green Room. The palm accent wallpaper adds a sense of calm with the clean palette. It flows into an en suite with clay walls in green, which is quite a disarming hue compared to the rest of the house, but we love it.’

### **BUY THE KEY PIECES**

Spindle Tropical Palm wallpaper mural,  
from £39sq m, Hovia



## “The bathroom has a spa feel”

‘Our family bathroom was inspired by a hammam. It has lots of different textures for warmth. The walls are pale pink clay and the floor is Tadelakt plaster in the same shade, so there’s a cocooning feel. The wooden vanity offsets the coldness of the glass and marble and adds a sense of balance. There’s a bench in the shower and it’s such a clever idea – the kids and I use it all the time.’

### BUY THE KEY PIECES

Egg Shell bath, £1,395, Lusso. Freestanding tap, £1,095, MPRO at Crosswater. Towel radiator, price on request, Bard & Brazier

**CURVED BATH**  
A freestanding bath creates a lighter look than a built-in one and its gentle contours soften the scheme





**SLIDING DOOR**

This design is less intrusive than a standard door and doesn't steal any space from either room when it's open



**TOP BRASS**  
Richie floor lamp In Brass, £220, Sofa.com



**BEACHY KEEN**  
Shell pot, £95, Ferm Living at Skandium

**NATURAL CONNECTION**

Jungle O2 wallpaper, £75 a roll, Lick



**STYLE MUST-HAVES**

BE INSPIRED BY THE RELAXED VIBE OF TINA AND IAN'S HOME



**KNOCK ON WOOD**  
Terning coffee table, £379, Swoon



**SOFT TOUCH**  
Shelton accent chair, £129, Cult Furniture



**TACTILE PIECE**  
Moira plant pot, £14, Hudson Home

**“The sliding door doubles as a piece of art”**

‘We love the door to the first-floor WC. It’s beautiful to look at with the fluted and different textures of glass, and allows light to flood through from the back of the house all the way to the front. You can even see it from the front door on the mezzanine level. We keep it closed so we can appreciate how pretty it is.’

**BUY THE KEY PIECES**

Vigo Black floor tiles, £173.50sq m, Bert & May, are similar. Try Fabco for bespoke glazed metal pocket doors

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