

# THE ART OF LIVING

*Alicia and Robert Chapman's London home provides the perfect setting for family life and a discreet backdrop for their collection of Oriental art*

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## DRAWING ROOM

*Alicia had already purchased the Christian Liaigre furniture, so interior designer Juliette Byrne's task was to make it work in the new scheme. Soft leather upholstery adds an unusual texture in the tranquil setting.*

**Mousson sofa**, from £5,310 (plus 15m of fabric), Christian Liaigre, 020 7584 5848, christian-liaigre.co.uk. **Covered in** Marquis, wool, £93.80m, Sahco, 020 7352 6168, sahcoheslein.com. **Lamp and wenge coffee table** with bronze panel; both made to order, Interiors Bis, 020 7351 1571, interiorsbis.com. **Perspex display case**, designed by Keith Wrightson and made by Quentin Houlder through Juliette Byrne Associates, 020 7352 1553, juliettebyrne.com. **Fibre-optic lighting** in display case, Light IQ, 020 8749 1900, lightiq.com.



**MAIN BATHROOM**

*Built-in storage below the double-width vanity unit maximises space.*

**Taps and basins**, price on application, Philippe Starck at West One Bathrooms, 020 7720 9333, westonebathrooms.co.uk; **Towels and leather boxes**, Culti at Harvey Nichols, 020 7235 5000, harveynichols.com.



**GIRL'S BEDROOM**

*A custom-made desk and shelving cater for teenage paraphernalia, while deep pinks are invigorating yet feminine.*

**Catifa chair**, Arper at Juliette Byrne Associates, 020 7352 1553, juliettebyrne.com.

example, a giant modern chandelier hovers over the table. "The house is listed, so we couldn't install downlights," says Juliette. Instead, chandeliers, wall lights and LED lighting in bookcases illuminate the spaces.

As well as precision and continuity, this is a house in which each floor has its own personality. The first-floor main bedroom and bathroom, with their sleek storage and vintage Louis Vuitton trunks, are personal

spaces for Alicia and Robert. By contrast, the basement home office is where everyone can work and the children can watch television. With Alicia expecting a new baby, Juliette has been commissioned to create a basement extension of two bedrooms and bathrooms for the teenage girls. "We've transformed this house with a view to staying a very long time," Alicia says with a smile. As well she might – the results are perfect. ■

**MAIN BEDROOM**

*With its neutral colours and tactile surfaces, Alicia and Robert's bedroom (above) is a grown-up retreat. Cashmere throws, plus leather, wool and linen accessories play up the textural story.*

**Maxalto bed**, from £4,450; **footstool**, from £668; both Apta at B&B Italia, 020 7591 8111, bebitalia.com. **Similar cushions** are available at The Monogrammed Linen Shop, 020 7589 4033, monogrammedlinen.com.

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