



# EAST MEETS WEST

Nancy Garland and husband Ben have reimagined a run-down townhouse that now perfectly blends Georgian splendour with Eastern charm

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**SITTING ROOM**  
Nancy has adopted the rules of symmetry with matching Oriental cupboards, both styled with the same ginger jars as a reference to their time living in Hong Kong. White Ginger jars, £35 each, The Nine Schools



## HOME TRUTHS

### THE PROPERTY

Georgian townhouse

### LOCATION Bath

**ROOMS** Sitting room, dining room/living area, two kitchens, family room, study, utility room, five bedrooms (one en suite), three bathrooms

### PURCHASED 2019

### PREVIOUS PROPERTY

'We were living in Hong Kong before moving here,' says Nancy.

### SITTING ROOM

The large batik artwork above the fireplace adds a touch of Eastern elegance, while the sofas are ideal for sinking into. Walls in Wimborne White estate emulsion, £49.50 for 2.5ltr, Farrow & Ball. Sybil glass tempered coffee table, £399, La Redoute. Artwork by Jai Vasicek





**W**hen Sophia and Harry Taylor stumbled upon this stunning Georgian townhouse during their house search in Bristol, they knew it was the one. Previously based in a London flat, the couple needed to relocate for a new job opportunity and so the search for a long-term family home ensued. 'What really caught our attention with this house was its unique character and charm,' reveals Sophia. 'From the moment we stepped inside, we were captivated by the beautiful natural light that filled all the rooms, as well as the peaceful atmosphere and proximity to local amenities – it was perfect.'

Sophia and Harry bought the Grade II-listed property knowing it was a long-term investment. The couple weren't blind to its imperfections, however, and knew the project would be a huge undertaking that required a sensitive and sensible approach. They called on period house specialist Nick Cryer of Berkeley Place to help them manage the project and already stretched budget to stop costs spiralling out of control. 'Sophia and Harry had a very clear vision for what the end result would look like and knew they wanted to be brave with colour, but needed guidance on the nitty-gritty of dealing with a listed property,' explains Nick. The couple had been living in the property a few years prior to enlisting Nick's team, renting out the basement as a self-contained flat to help raise funds for the project.

Nick spent a good six months discussing the scope of work with the pair and preparing a detailed budget sheet

**STUDY**  
A calming green is a lovely backdrop for richly toned antique furniture and a scalloped jute rug.

The desk, chair, brass lamp and corner cupboard are all antique pieces. Rug, La Redoute. Cabinet, made bespoke. Cabinet knobs, Matilda Goad



'I LOVE WATCHING TV SHOWS SUCH AS BRIDGERTON AND THE CROWN AND GAIN A LOT OF INSPIRATION FROM THE SET DESIGNS'



**KITCHEN**  
The couple went for a dark, dramatic palette here. Stoneham Shaker kitchen, Gardiner Haskins Interiors. Walls and cabinetry in Tanner's Brown, Farrow & Ball. Ceiling lights, Neptune. Wall lights, Pooky