



Joint effort

Transforming a townhouse in Chelsea into a warm and comfortable home for a young family required the skills of a specialist team who could think outside the box

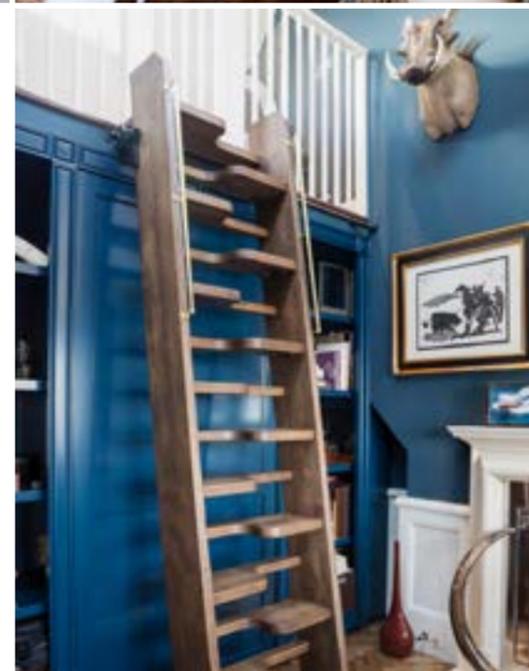
When a young family relocated to London from San Francisco, they found the perfect house to call their new home. Located in Chelsea, the townhouse had good bones but required a structural rethink to achieve all their desires for twenty-first century living and cater to raising three young children. The owners enlisted the help of Good London Builders to see the project through from brief to completion, gaining access to the company's roster of professionals - from the joiners Interfusion for the wood panelling and cabinetry to the builders at Markstone charged with the challenge of working around awkwardly shaped rooms and eaves.

'We employed Good London Builders on a glowing recommendation from some friends and were very happy that we did,' says the couple. Working closely with its managing director Rory Gordon, they were given a shortlist of specialists for the job. 'He brought in three teams of his preferred builders to quote and we ended up selecting Markstone for the job, as well as Interfusion for the joinery.' The

house brought on a few interesting challenges for the team.

First, a very oddly shaped bathroom in the eaves of the roof, which Markstone approached by creating a shower with a bench inside and tiling all of the surrounding walls and ceiling. The second, air conditioning. Here, Rory found Maxa's Il Bello air conditioners which don't require an external condensing unit (therefore forgoing planning permission) and worked with Markstone and Interfusion to incorporate the units within the joinery. And the third, concealing the electrical components of a stunning bespoke pendant lamp, which Markstone, as Rory says, 'worked its magic to make happen'.

Good London Builders works with 50 independent specialists, matching each to the type of property, its period and the work required. Focusing on the refurbishment and extension of existing and historic buildings, Markstone was the ideal match for this family home. The approach here is honestly about what can be achieved, a simple process and reliable, experienced builders and craftsmen. And that's all any home could need. goodlondonbuilders.com | markstone.co.uk interfusionuk.com □



OPPOSITE Claire Darwent bespoke kitchen with blood red interiors. THIS PAGE CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT The leopard-print carpet runner is from Karastan. Child's bathroom with 'Cleo' porthole bath from The Water Monopoly. Master bedroom with recessed shelving. Study with mezzanine space reached by a boat-themed step ladder designed by Markstone. Main bathroom with Brunschwig & Fils wallpaper. Cloakroom with with Porta Romana 'Infinity' mirror. Looking through into the main bathroom from the bedroom, which features panelling by Interfusion. Child's bedroom with 'Velux Integra Solar' powered windows and blinds

