

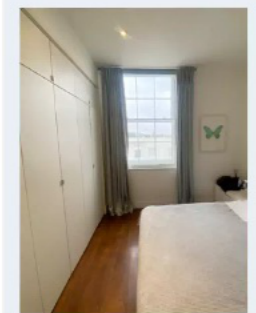
'Small changes made a big difference in my bedroom'

Layered neutrals, natural oak and a touch of pattern create a calm, restful feel

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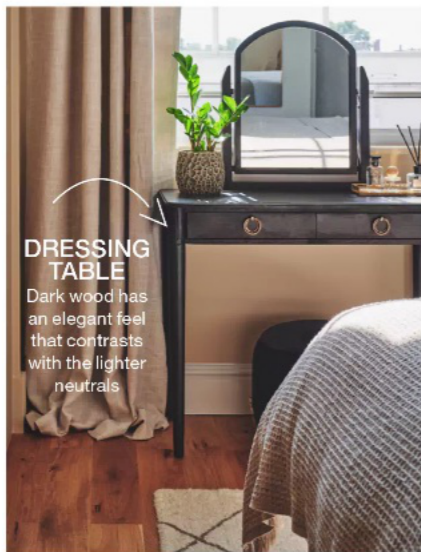


Isabelle Harrison, a travel planner, lives in a three-bedroom flat in a converted historical building in Notting Hill, London



Before

'I'm an early riser and like to wake to natural light, so this room with its large window was ideal as my bedroom. There's an ensuite and built-in wardrobes, but the space had zero personality. I wanted somewhere I could really relax'



DRESSING TABLE

Dark wood has an elegant feel that contrasts with the lighter neutrals



HEADBOARD

The slim silhouette is light and delicate without sacrificing on comfort

Why did you want an update?
This room was a high priority on my list of changes when I bought the flat in January 2023. I'm

Canadian and came to London in 2020 but found moving around rentals took its toll after a while, so I searched for a flat to buy that would help me feel settled. This meant it was absolutely essential that I had a comfortable and relaxing bedroom.

Where did you look for design inspiration?
I'd long been obsessed with having an all-white bedroom, but when it came down to it, I wanted to branch out with cosier neutrals. I searched Pinterest for ideas and collated photos of rooms decorated in creams and pale greys with oak and brass accents and interesting headboards and rugs.

How did you get started?
I was working long hours in the tech industry and had no contacts, so I needed help. Previously, I'd used Topology's online e-design service for a

living room in a rental and it was a fun experience. Its clean, modern style was exactly what I wanted. A 'remote' designer translated my ideas brilliantly and then provided details of a painter/decorator.

Did you have a clear idea of the layout?
As there was a wall of cupboards, a big window and two doors, there was only one place to put the bed, which made it a natural focal point. I bought the bed in a sale – I love its mid-century style. It has an upholstered headboard attached to a slim frame with leather straps. It's very comfortable, which is essential as I enjoy reading in bed. I also like the mellow tone of the warm oak that's echoed with the flooring and bedside tables.

What's been the biggest success?
The pretty wall sconces are ideal for reading and feel sophisticated. I love how the honey-coloured walls glow when the sun hits the room. I'll often bring a coffee back to bed at the weekends; it's lovely to finally live in a place where I feel at ease.

MY SOURCEBOOK Design, topologyinteriors.com, Karina bed, sohohome.com, Mini Elbow wall sconces; Jet Ripples lampshades; pooky.com, Pola bedside tables, tikamoon.co.uk, Reyna dressing table, swooneditions.com, Large wool-blend rug, tm.com, Walls in Duvet Day; wardrobes in Cargo; both coatpaints.com, Leptoria cushion cover in Ink Blue; Nostell Leaves cushion cover in Charcoal; both oka.com, Skyscraper T-bar handles, dowsingandrenolds.com. For a similar art print, try William Morris Lilac Botanical print, stanleystreetstudio.co.uk

WHAT I'VE LEARNED

'Working with a remote interior designer and being given a variety of furniture options at different price points meant I could make quick decisions, stay in control of my budget and be confident that the look wouldn't change'



ART

The dark frames in the existing artwork are echoed by the wall sconces and black curtain pole



CUSHIONS

An abstract print and navy fringe trim add personality to the bed, complemented by the simple wavy pattern on the lampshades

WHAT I SPENT

- DESIGN FROM £299
- BED £1,745
- WALL LIGHTS £242
- BEDSIDE TABLES £958
- DRESSING TABLE £489
- RUG £299
- CUSHION COVERS £220
- T-BAR HANDLES £180
- TOTAL £4,432