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The Victorian eco house that has it all

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THE HAPPY HOUSE



Homeowners Patricia and Gwen with Shep the dog at the back of the house, which has fluted cast-concrete panels

Colourful, sculptural and highly practical, this updated Victorian property is a joy to live in

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Cues to the exuberant character of Gwen Williams and Patricia Lynch's home lie in the names of the paints used to decorate the interiors – Rosie Posie, Bobble Hat and Mint Turquoise.

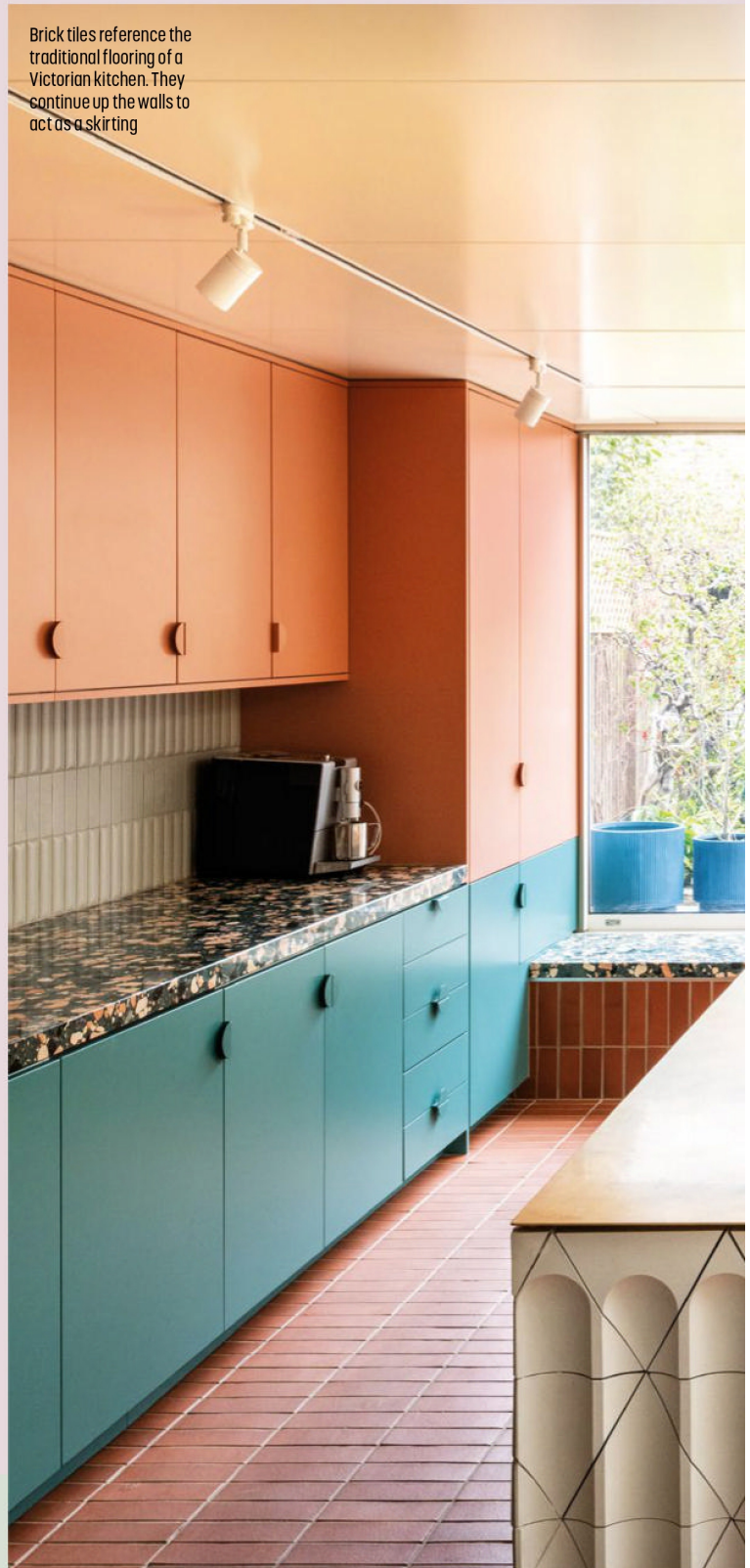
Retired solicitor Gwen, 67, and Patricia, 64, who managed Gwen's practice before they both retired, bought their Victorian house in the late 1990s. Adding a side-return extension in the 2000s gave them a little extra space in the kitchen, but it didn't resolve issues such as the underused reception room between the living room and kitchen. 'It was a terminal dumping ground,' says Gwen. They also wanted a loft conversion with a bedroom and bathroom for when family stay over, and to improve the house's energy efficiency.

It's a standard story – but what architect Ewald Van Der Straeten came up with is far from typical. His practice gave the house a thorough upgrade with new »



ABOVE The kitchen cabinets are made from MDF and have fronts painted in shades picked out from the terrazzo work surface

Brick tiles reference the traditional flooring of a Victorian kitchen. They continue up the walls to act as a skirting





IN BRIEF

LOCATION Tottenham,
north London

TYPE OF PROPERTY
Extended Victorian terrace

BEDROOMS 4

PROJECT STARTED
April 2021

PROJECT FINISHED
April 2022

PROJECT COST
£3,500 per sqm

