

Living area

Stacey cleverly transformed this zone with bespoke seating so all guests can relax together in comfort. Bespoke **sofa**, Amadeus. **Throws**, Dunelm. **Rug**, Benuta. Both **occasional tables**, Coach House. **Wall prints**, Trowbridge Gallery



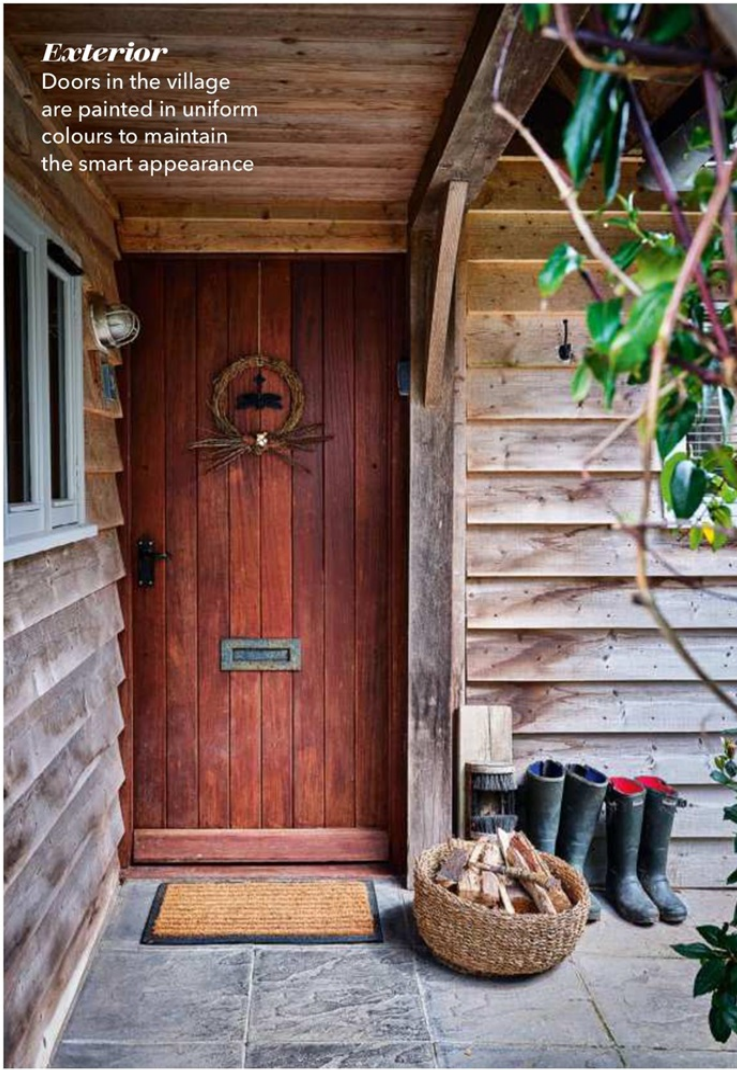
NATURE TRAIL

*Interior designers Stacey and Guy Sibley
have created a cosy retreat to escape to,
surrounded by the wildlife of Bodmin Moor*



Exterior

Doors in the village are painted in uniform colours to maintain the smart appearance



Kitchen

Keen to include extra storage and more work surface, the couple added a freestanding unit which they use as an island. **Unit**, Ikea



AT HOME WITH

Owners Stacey and Guy Sibley are interior designers who have their own design studio, Beau Sala (beausala.com).

House Three-bedroom modern wood-built retreat, bought in November 2020.

When looking for a country haven to retreat to, interior designers Stacey and Guy Sibley didn't have to venture too far from home. 'We are lucky to be based in Cornwall but the coastal areas can get busy in summer. We wanted somewhere that would be an investment but also a place we could escape to with friends and family, far from the crowds,' explains Stacey.

The couple admit to being avid 'Rightmove-rs'. 'We've been incredibly lucky each time we've moved. Because we've always got one eye on the market, whenever we've actually gone to a viewing we've ended up buying that house. This one was no different,' says Stacey. 'We'd been looking for a long while and fell in love with it because it was a wooden cabin in a great location. With three double bedrooms, it's actually bigger than our main home.'

The timber house was built around 10 years ago as part of a small holiday village and barely anything had been done during that time, so its white walls were a welcome blank canvas for a pair of designers.

'We set out to give it a modern country look that's a little eclectic and with a relaxed feel,' says Stacey. 'What was really important was to create a space that worked all year round. Some holiday places only look great in the summer but we wanted ours to be cosy and >



Dining area

Having a house that slept six but only seated four didn't make sense, so dining chairs were replaced with benches that tuck away when not in use. **Table and benches**, Garden Trading



Wet room

To hide stains, the couple painted the floor tiles. **Shower screen and shower**, Bathroom Mountain. **Tiles** painted in Dura Grip anti-slip epoxy floor paint in Medium Grey



Bathroom

Upstairs, replacing a plastic bath panel and painting the floor grey has changed the feel of this space. **Floor** in Rust-Oleum chalk floor paint in Winter Grey. **Stool**, Ikea



Exterior

The timber lodge was built as part of a small holiday village 10 years ago and has been well-maintained

welcoming so we could enjoy spending time here in autumn and winter too.'

Stacey and Guy have used all their design skills to get the best from the existing space. The downstairs open-plan layout was restrictive in places due to the beams and pillars. Stacey explains: 'When we viewed it, it had a pair of two-seater sofas and there was space for only four dining chairs, which didn't really work in a home with three generous bedrooms that sleep six.' Stacey was already trialling layouts and drawing up plans before they picked up the keys, although buying during a global pandemic meant most materials, furniture and accessories would be mail order and quite often subject to shortages and delays.

The solution for the ground floor has been a smart bespoke L-shaped sofa designed to fit the space perfectly, plus bench seating for the dining area that neatly tucks under the table when not in use. For the kitchen, Stacey added an extra work bench to boost storage and prep surface.

Having bought the property in November, the race was on to get the cabin family-ready for Christmas. 'Guy worked on the bathrooms, while I painted throughout,' Stacey says. The pitch of the roof gives beautiful A-shaped bedrooms and Stacey devised a clever way to soften the effect of the wooden beams in the two bedrooms up here. 'Because they >



Bedroom

Guy made the MDF panelling to give this smaller room more character. **Walls** painted in White 02 and **panelling** painted in Teal 01, both Lick. **Wall light**, Garden Trading. Padded bed **throw**, Gallery Direct. **Throw**, La Redoute. **Cushions**, Cream Cornwall

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“WE WANTED THAT RELAXED MODERN COUNTRY FEEL AND LOOKED TO AMERICAN INTERIOR DESIGNERS AS THEY DO THAT SO WELL”



Main bedroom

Layering up soft furnishings makes this an inviting space. **Bed and dressing table**, both Gallery Direct. **Bedside tables**, Garden Trading. Faux fur **throw**, Coach House. Ceiling **pendant**, La Redoute. **Lamps**, Visual Comfort

come all the way down to the floor and were quite an orangey pine colour, they dominated the room. I created my own wash by watering down regular white paint. It's knocked them right back but you still get the beauty of the grain,' she adds.

A similarly orange-toned floor downstairs was treated with three coats of wood stain while the bedrooms and stairs are now carpeted for warmth. The bedrooms are all about comfort. The smallest bedroom on the ground floor was given panelling to add character and Stacey has layered textures and fabrics to create a cocooning effect. 'Cushions and rugs are important for adding depth to a scheme and we wanted the house to have a personal feel,' she says.

'A lot of us is reflected here. We love the great walks around here and Guy's into cycling so we have collected things over the years such as walking books and paraphernalia. And I love to paint so my paintings inspired by the area hang on the walls.'

Having had the cabin for just a short while, there are a few small things they'd like to change in the future such as replacing the kitchen worktops but, for now, they are happy to sit back and enjoy watching how it changes with the seasons. 'It's such lovely countryside and still just 20 minutes from the beach,' says Stacey. 'It's bliss being so close to nature and there's no shortage of things still to explore.'



Main bedroom

The fitted storage was already in place so the couple painted the doors and applied insets in a textured wallpaper. **Wallpaper**, Casamance

ON OUR DOORSTEP

Visit... 'Pencarrow House and Gardens (pencarrow.co.uk) is a stunning country estate steeped in Cornish history. Entry for children is free and the estate allows dogs in the garden too.'

Shop at... 'Family-run Philip Warren (philipwarrenbutchers.co.uk) supplies meat from its own farm as well as a network of small local farmers. Its grass-fed meat goes to some of the UK's best restaurants and you can buy those same cuts at the counter of the Launceston shop.'

Go for a meal at...
 'The Rocket Store seafood bar (therocketstore.co.uk) in Boscastle Harbour serves up produce fresh from its own boat, alongside meat from its own farm nearby.'



Bedroom

Twin beds offer flexibility in a holiday home. **Bed frames**, Next Home. **Chest of drawers**, Coach House. **Blind and cushion fabric**, Andrew Martin. **Pendant light**, La Redoute. **Bedlinen**, Parlane. **Throws**, Dunelm.

Be inspired by STACEY'S BEDROOM



Cosy up against the chill factor in warm, fur-like texture.
Faux fur **throw**, £85, Soak & Sleep

Let simplistic greenery build a natural architecture...

Artificial **eucalyptus** spray, £6.99, The Outdoor look

Add some tactility with glorious knotted and tasseled boho beauties.

Macramé tassel **cushion** in Grey, £22, Next Home



Practical and portable, easily store away when not in use.

Hambledon oak **butler's tray**, £150, Garden Trading



Charming storage for laundry and more, handmade from sustainable palm leaves.

Large French **basket**, £34, BasketBasket

Stacey's style tip...

CREATE AN INVITING RETREAT WITH LAYERED SOFT FURNISHINGS IN MIXED TEXTURES. A FLOATY SHEER GIVES A BREEZY FINISH



Welcome effortless style with a modern, worn finish and neutral palette.

Kayden distressed tribal **rug**, £99, Housecosy

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MODERN
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Fifties-inspired and made the good old fashioned way, hand-carved by skilled artisans - the dream!

Spindle **bed**, £995 for a double, Loaf

Shapely ripples illuminate the bedside.

Lilee **table lamp** with Empire **shade** in White silk, £123, Pooky