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GUEST BEDROOM

This room is dotted with global finds and vintage maps, which help to knit the dual purposes into together.

If you will be using by guests, the room serves as a comfortable study (right).

Interior design: Scott Mackinnon, Mackinnon Creative, 020 3137 8073.

Similar vintage map: Jonathan Potter, 020 3491 3520, jpottermaps.co.uk. **Similar**

1950s Danish desk: Century, 020 7487 5100, centuryd.com. **Similar**

vintage desk lamp (on desk opposite): Atomic Antiques, 020 7735 5923, atomica.me.uk.





Becoming involved in interior design can be dangerously seductive. One moment you are happy with your worn sofa, mismatched furnishings and pastel walls. Then, suddenly, you find yourself irresistibly drawn to an unusual piece: a hand-crafted handle, say, or a curvy sofa with velvet upholstery. It is one of those light-bulb moments: your imagination is enflamed, your eyes are opened. From that point, decorating is no longer a necessary chore but a life-enhancing pursuit.

That, roughly speaking, is what happened to Alastair and Catherine Kneale when they commissioned interior designer Scott

Maddux to transform their London home. Both of them hard-working bankers, the Kneales scarcely have a moment to collect their dry cleaning let alone ponder swatches. Meeting the ebullient Scott, however, marked the start of a rewarding partnership. "We've lived all over the world and this was the first home we'd bought together, and working with Scott became an education," says Catherine. As Alastair adds, "He enabled us to go for things we like but would have lacked the confidence to commit to."

The Kneales grew up in suburbia, so the house seemed an obvious fit. "We were instantly drawn to this classic 19th-century

LIVING ROOM

Usual pieces such as brass palm trees (above), a 1970s sideboard (below left) and bespoke paneling (right) restore a sense of character, which was lost when the original interior was stripped out by a developer. Carefully sourced one-off pieces at the entrance (above left) give the air of a home that has evolved over the years.

French armchairs in Souk Stripe in OOI, £145m, Donghia at Rubell, 020 7349 1590, rubell.com. **Stubb rug**, £1,252, Karhall at Atomic, 015 979 9940, atomicinteriors.co.uk. **Tripode GS floor lamps** in Black, £498 each, Twentytwentyone, 020 7288 1996, twentytwentyone.com.



