

SITTING ROOM
Antique pieces that Antonia inherited from her mother have been combined with contemporary soft furnishings to give an eclectic feel. Walls painted in Shaded White emulsion, £32.50 for 2.5 litres, Farrow & Ball



FAVOURITE ROOM

'I love the children's bedrooms, because they're decorated with fun, vibrant fabrics and furnishings that won't require updating when Alexander and Serena are older'



SERENA'S BEDROOM
Stripes and florals are mixed for a 'result that's girly and stylish, but not too pink,' says Antonia. Karisholm single bed in antique white, £995, Nordic Style



GUEST BEDROOM
'We reused curtains and leftover wallpaper from our old home,' Antonia reveals. Interior design by Antonia Stewart, visit antoniastewart.com for more details. Sakura Tamba wallpaper, £47 per roll, Osborne & Little



KITCHEN
The curtains and blinds are edged in darker fabrics to protect them, without diminishing the room's colourful finish. Blind fabric J483F-03 Calder, £39 per m, Jane Churchill. Lem barstools in walnut, £475 each, The Conran Shop

and a complete redecoration project undertaken. 'We had a good size kitchen-diner, with lots of natural light, but it was let down by dark timber flooring and an ugly fireplace,' Antonia says. 'We sanded the floor to lighten it and removed the fireplace to create a purple statement chimney breast.'

FUTURE PROOF

Elsewhere downstairs, a shabby sitting room was turned into an elegant family space. 'This was a rather gloomy room,' says Antonia, 'but light-coloured walls and vibrant accents have cheered it up. You can spend a fortune on furniture for a sitting room, but I reused and reupholstered pieces where I could and mixed them with new buys.'

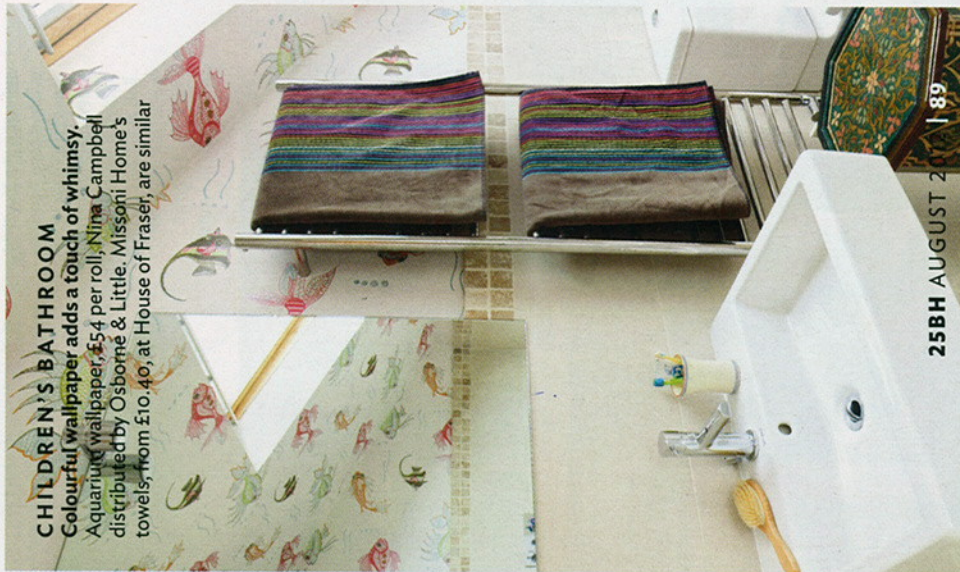
On the first floor, Antonia avoided a babyish theme for daughter Serena's bedroom so that redecorating wouldn't be necessary for several years – an ethos she also employed for the arrival of their second child Alexander, now one. 'Before either of them were born I'd already found pretty curtain fabrics that I saved for future use, choosing patchwork for a boy and candy stripes

for a girl,' says Antonia. 'The children's bathroom also includes many fun elements, such as quirky fish wallpaper, but they tend to be things that can easily be altered as they get older.'

IN HARMONY

Although each of the rooms has its own personality, there's a cohesiveness running through the house. 'Every part of our home has an individual feeling, but I made sure I didn't include ferocious shades, such as hot oranges,' says Antonia. 'Most of the colours are within the same spectrum and the carpets are quite neutral. I kept the eye-catching details to the walls.'

Despite the speed at which they purchased their house, Antonia and Henry have been rather more cautious in how they've decorated it, something Antonia attributes to her roots. 'We love our home and how it's evolved over the years,' says Antonia. 'I live by the rule of waiting to find the right piece and I don't find it necessary to replace something for the sake of it. You can't get more cost-efficient than that, but then, I am from Yorkshire.'



CHILDREN'S BATHROOM
Colourful wallpaper adds a touch of whimsy. Aquarium wallpaper, £54 per roll, Nina Campbell distributed by Osborne & Little. Missoni Home's towels, from £10.40, at House of Fraser, are similar