

ARCHITECTURE

Grand ideas to use in your grand design *Words Charlotte Luxford*



WE ARE FAMILY

This isn't your average granny flat – the 179sqm garden annexe was designed by architect De Matos Ryan for a family in London's Battersea. With seven children and an eighth on the way, the couple desperately needed more space. The new baby, youngsters and parents have moved into this five-bedroom, three-bathroom retreat, while the older children remain in the existing Victorian home. The glazed living areas open on to a watertight sunken courtyard (designed to prevent flooding), while the first-floor bedrooms are arranged in floating white boxes. (020 7336 0100; dematosryan.co.uk)

APP ALERT

The newly updated, free Trace app from Morpholio is ideal if you're working on a self-build project. You can instantly draw or annotate imported images, such as floorplans, which is great for sharing ideas with your architect. (morpholioapps.com)



Mini grand design

Architect Damien Murtagh has taken model making one step further with a miniature modular design set. Arckit can be used to build a model of your project and can be adapted as your plans develop, plus you can add images of real materials using the Arckittexture Library. Launching in three kit sizes – 60, 120 and 240, where the numbers reflect the square metreage – Arckit costs from £90. (arckit.com)

IN THE ROUND

Forget clean lines – introduce a circular feature window into your new-build or extension, like in this townhouse close to London's Victoria Park and Regent's Canal. The central window in the master bathroom frames the view of the lush garden below. The owners, serious art collectors, were inspired by the classic sculptural lines and abstract forms created by the St Ives artists Barbara Hepworth and Ben Nicholson. (020 3668 2668; paularcherdesign.co.uk)

