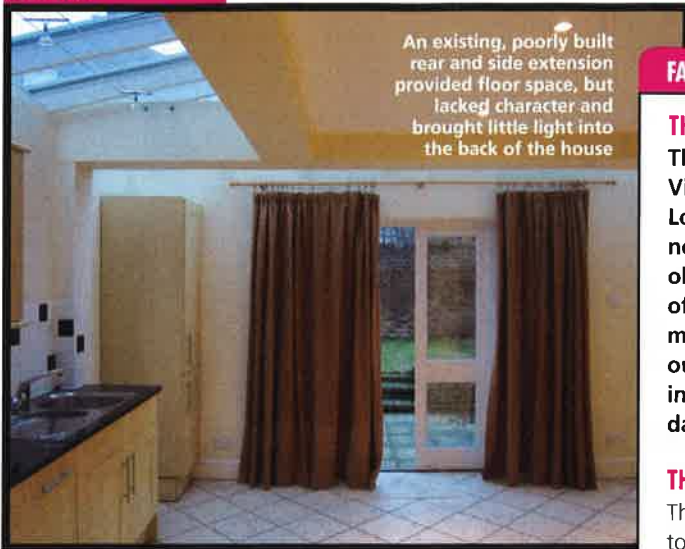


BEFORE



An existing, poorly built rear and side extension provided floor space, but lacked character and brought little light into the back of the house

FACT FILE

THE HOUSE BEFORE

The Campuses' dated Victorian house in south London was in desperate need of renovation. The old kitchen at the back of the house in particular made little use of the outside space, while, inside, the room felt dark and narrow.

THE BRIEF

The architects were asked to reconfigure and refurbish the house to create a stylish, modern home. The existing extension to the rear and side return of the house was to be demolished, and rebuilt with a contemporary glazed and timber-clad wraparound extension.

THE RESULTS

The footprint of the new glazed extension is no larger than the original, but the glazing in the new room

makes a world of difference. 'The transparency allows the new open-plan kitchen and living space to blend seamlessly into the new hard landscaped garden,' says Robert Wilson of Granit Chartered Architects. 'The use of cedar timber cladding internally and externally accentuates this blurring of boundaries between inside and out.'

'The existing front reception rooms and their Victorian features have been retained, but opened up to the hallway and refurbished with new walnut flooring, joinery and lighting.'

'As well as refurbishing the basement, we upgraded the master bedroom, en suite and bathrooms on the upper floors to create a house fit for 21st-century living.'

WHAT IT COST

Around £220,000.

From cramped lean-to to glazed living area



The back of the house is now brighter and its open-plan layout makes it a flexible family living space. The ground floor is filled with light and encased in soft wood, creating a warm space for living, dining, playing, cooking and entertaining

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