



SECRET'S OUT

Charlotte Findlater on
how her team crafted this
luxurious master suite –
one that even James Bond
would be impressed by



The brief was to create a master bedroom suite that would be glamorous with significant amounts of pink and gold to feature, but not dominate. The client loves the colour pink but was unsure how this colour could be incorporated into the bedroom without making it overtly feminine – we did need to take into account her husband, after all!

This room had previously been used as a master bedroom and leading off was a huge en-suite that felt very cold. Our challenge was to divide this space up to provide our clients with a dressing room whilst still retaining a two metre shower,

luxurious bath and his and hers sink unit. Our starting point was the layout of the space. By moving the bed onto the back wall we were able to incorporate a bespoke Emperor bed, something our clients had always coveted. Blocking up the original doorway into the en-suite allowed us to utilize the depth of the doorway and commission bespoke joinery incorporating deep drawers and a space dedicated to the hanging of shirts.

We created a new opening into what would become the dressing room and divided the original en-suite into two sections, the larger lighter space facing out to the beautiful gardens with a stunning feature bay window that we used as the focus for the luxurious Mother of Pearl bath.

Our clients required more space to house their clothes. Our solution was to convert the loft space to create optimum storage, commissioning a bespoke automated staircase that operated by the simple push of a button, seamlessly descending from the ceiling in the dressing room – very James Bond!

The thread we used throughout the home was the consistent use of the colour green, our client's favourite tree is Willow, so we selected a stunning wallpaper for the walls in the bedroom and continued this into the dressing room. A blush pink chaise lounge was incorporated into the large bay window so our client could relax and recline, observing the beautiful Lakeland backdrop. The curtains continued this subtle pink shade, which was echoed in the



stunning silk rug and used for the colour on the bespoke commissioned dressing room cabinetry, designed by us. Opulent lighting added the sense of glamour along with the art deco inspired bedside tables. At the push of a button a TV appears from the chest at the end of the bed, which was a bespoke commission from our in-house carpentry team, then silently disappears back into its housing in order not to dominate the space.

This project showcases our ability to marry clients' unique preferences with our ethos of sophisticated, sustainable, and thoughtful design. By carefully balancing bold colours with neutral tones and integrating bespoke elements, we transformed the master suite into a space that reflects luxury, comfort, and personal style, all while adhering to sustainable architecture principles.

The Charlotte Findlater ethos

All designers have a signature style and design principle which sit at the heart of their work. Our obsession is the interplay between people, built environments and nature. Expect natural materials, spaces that boost well-being, and handcrafted statement pieces. The design world and trends change at high speed, but it's time to slow down. And to step away from damaging mass-market consumerism.

Our design ethos centres on considered designs that reconnect people with nature. I have written before about our approach to biophilic design, so considering the project featured here involves some in-house craftsmanship, I wanted to add a little more about this side of the business.

Craftsmanship delivers quality. You see it when someone has created an object with passion, care and attention to detail. It can take a whole career to hone and refine a craft and reach that level of quality. Ease, cheapness and speed can dominate our lives, especially in a world of short attention spans and consumerism. That which is beautiful is more and more difficult to find. Craftsmanship in design has a rich legacy. Time-honoured skills pass from generation to generation and from craftsman to craftsman. It needs celebrating.

The Charlotte Findlater team has worked with a broad range of artisans and craftsmen over the years. Watching them bring our ideas to life is always a real pleasure. Our clients seek exclusivity and superb quality, so we engage artisan crafters to create something unique, and at times extraordinary. Bespoke staircase design, ceramics, art, furniture and joinery applications. Each project showcases unique skills and reflects the maker's commitment to their craft.

Craftsmanship often preserves traditional techniques. It brings an understanding of tools and materials. It's a way to use resources with care rather than exploiting them. This all leads to sustainable pieces, which we cherish for years. Thoughtful, crafted items have the power to elevate the ordinary. There's a beautiful relationship between craftsmen, materials and nature, which we find fascinating. We are passionate about collaborations that bring designs to life. From initial discussions to the end result, it's a pleasure to watch. Connecting our clients with talented artisans is central to our work. 📍

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