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An English Arts and Crafts home in the  
Surrey Hills gets a Hamptons makeover

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**T**his large magnificent Edwardian property in the picturesque English Surrey Hills dates from 1901 and while it is firmly rooted in the English Arts and Crafts movement it has an intriguing feel of The Hamptons about it.

The current owners turned to MPD London and Creative Director Maurizio Pellizzoni to bring an upscale American look to the 10,000 square metre house that incorporated the many personal antiques and objets d'art they had collected during their travels.

Working closely with the architect to ensure space was used to maximum effect, MPD extended the original building adding a new double-height formal room, orangery, three extra bathrooms and walk-in wardrobe for the master bedroom.

**LEFT:** In the double height hallway, the heart of the house connecting all rooms together, the bookcase and the table are from Ralph Lauren Home, scattered cushions on the bay window are from de Le Cuona and the window seat is made using Ralph Lauren Home fabrics. The rug, a vintage piece, was sourced in Italy, while the lantern above the centre table is Charles Edwards. The blue and white vases on the centre table and above the bookcase are available at the MPD shop  
**TOP:** This is the main entrance to the property, the door was custom made for this project, painted black with gold leaf details on the large metal studs. The door knobs, as all the ironmongery in the house, are from Charles Edwards. The hallway table was also custom made for this project and now part of the MPD collection, available at the MPD shop.



LEFT: The formal drawing room was a result of the new extension added to the house and has a double height dome ceiling. Both the console table and the fireplace are custom designed by MPD, and have the same polished brass detail insert. The zebra ottoman is part of the MPD collection, available at the MPD shop. The two matching sofas are a reproduction of the famous Coco Chanel sofa custom made for this project by MPD



**TOP RIGHT:** The original floor in the formal dining room was restored adding new 1/2 panelling with Ralph Lauren wallpaper. The dining table, chairs, buffet and round mirror are from Ralph Lauren Home, part of the client collection. For this scheme, they have been restrained/upholstered. The glass china cabinet was custom made in Italy for this room while the curtains are custom made by MPD using fabric by de Le Cuona, curtain poles by Jago Design

**MIDDLE RIGHT:** Master bedroom: This room was designed using the blue Persian rug as a starting point. The book case, also custom made by MPD was designed to match the walk-in closet between the master bedroom and the ensuite bathroom. All the furniture, table lamp and bedding are by Ralph Lauren Home

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Another view of the formal dining room: the fireplace surround was designed and custom made by MPD to be part of the panelling in the room. Gas fire by Chesney's and the bar in the corner is from StarBay





Treasured pieces of furniture were incorporated into the new interior design. They were distributed among the rooms in the house and used as the inspiration for each room's individual colour scheme and feel, thereby creating an eclectic, personal overall design aesthetic.

For the relaxed and informal living spaces, the client requested timeless nautical style that would translate to a contemporary English countryside setting. In order to achieve this, Maurizio designed a scheme inspired by the signature Hamptons style - an effortless mix of smart tailoring, cool blue and neutral tones and natural materials.

His aim was to mix the coastal elegance of New England styling with the quintessentially British country look to create a perfect backdrop for relaxed living and entertaining - his design conjures up memories of summer days spent by the beach, while retaining an element of timeless English tradition and charm.

The nautical stripes of the cushions and the statement Hamptons rug are mixed with floral details on armchairs and porcelain lamps and vases. By using the same blue tones throughout, the contrasting patterns effortlessly create an eclectic yet harmonious aesthetic with a nod to the fun and informality of the coast, remaining relevant all year round. Brass metallic detailing finishes the scheme and contributes to the tailored and refined look. The smart palette of navy blue and white, is softened with wicker furniture, patterned textiles and an abundance of greenery.

MPD completely redesigned the kitchen alongside a local expert kitchen maker, sourcing the perfect finishing touches like the custom made Carrara worktop for the kitchen.

Particular attention was paid to final details throughout the property in order to achieve a high-level of elegance and sophistication in the design, such as the beautifully crafted door handles by Charles Edwards. Ralph Lauren, de Le Cuona and Andrew Martin furniture and fabrics are used throughout to create an air of luxurious refinement, while complementing the client's existing pieces.

All the art in the house was reframed for consistency and Maurizio worked to develop bespoke furniture pieces which use local craft, materials and resources to reinforce the connection between the property and its location in the English countryside.

The fully refurbished Edwardian property has a new formal

**LEFT:** Like the drawing room, this part of the house was a new addition and also had a double height ceiling. The two sofas were made by MPD using Threads fabric while the two club chairs are by Ralph Lauren Home. The blue and white table lamp is by Vaughan and the pendant light, from Charles Edwards. The large stripy rug was designed by MPD for this room and is available at the MPD shop as well as the two large porcelain vases above the fireplace



This custom made kitchen was also made specifically for this project by MPD. The two leather stools are from Andrew Martin while most of the accessories on the counter top are by Ralph Lauren Home. The pendant lights above the counter top are from Eichholtz and are also available at the MPD shop





sitting room, a less formal Orangery adjacent to the new beautiful custom made kitchen, which includes a non-formal dining room. The new formal dining room is next door to the kitchen and during the summer time has an easy access to the large patio facing the old swimming pool.

On the first floor there is the master en-suite with walk-in closet, two guest bedrooms, one with en-suite bathroom, two more bathrooms and the formal study.

And on the top floor is the childrens playground: two generous bedrooms with sitting areas for entertaining their friends and a private play room in between the two bedrooms, a large bathroom with double sink, bath and shower room.

**TOP LEFT:** This is part of the entrance hall and is a view from the family room which can be seen reflected in the large gold leaf mirror custom made by MPD for this project. The two chairs are from Ralph Lauren Home re-upholstered by MPD using zebra skin

**TOP RIGHT:** This is one of the guest bedrooms; inspired by Africa, the bed was purchased from Lom Bok and is dressed with de Le Cuona sheet fabrics. The bed throw is from Midipy and is available in the MPD shop

**BOTTOM:** Imperial Bathroom bath part of the ensuite bathroom of the above Africa room

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