

Small but beautiful

The design team at Camellia & Co. worked their interior magic on this exquisite two-bedroom apartment overlooking St Ives harbour

A master class in small space design solutions, the team used their interior know-how and years of experience to add that special touch to this first-floor apartment, making it as stunning inside as the uninterrupted views of St Ives harbour and Godrevy lighthouse outside.

THE BRIEF

The owners of Blue Water were keen to maximise their properties exceptional sea views and since they were seeking a higher rental return, they asked Camellia to create a sophisticated and luxurious look, bursting with style.

Camellia & Co. were asked to decorate and furnish the entire property, reflecting the coastal scenery outside, so as to give the two-bedroom apartment wider appeal to small families and couples alike.

WHAT THE TEAM DID

With limited square footage to play with, the Camellia team made use of every nook and cranny, devising clever ways to create a sense of space.

The walls, shelves and built in storage were all painted in soft, sandy neutral colours to reflect the light and make the rooms feel seamless and airy. They also serve to give the property warmth in the winter and a cool feel in the summer, lending it year-round appeal. They purposely kept the colour palette clean so that it wouldn't look small and dark, or date quickly.

The fabrics, from the Marbury collection by Jane Churchill, were chosen to echo the scenery outside; the borderline geometric pattern resonates with the bustling town, while the washed colours mirror the coastal tones of the sea and beach.



The open plan living / dining room looks elegant and sophisticated; the reversible cushions and contemporary dining chairs in vibrant colours make an artistic statement.

In the living room the team commissioned a bespoke sofa bed so that the clients could accommodate additional guests as needed. They also added bespoke cabinets behind the sofa and under the TV for much needed extra storage. A restrained use of accent colours adds zest and cleverly draws the eye towards the stunning vista. They had a bespoke slim dining table fixed to the wall to provide an eating area that also acts as a divider between the open plan kitchen and living room.

Mirrors bounce light, green plants create a sanctuary and shelving to display treasured artwork, keeps the space uncluttered yet homely. "When you're living in tight quarters, it's important to make room for the little things that make you happy: plants, pictures, tiny details," explains Elaine.

In the bedrooms they used sliding doors and open wardrobes to streamline clothes storage and since table space was such a hot commodity, they used wall sconces for lighting and bedside shelving to save more space.

All the furniture was sourced

by Camellia and while it was tricky getting it all up the stairs and into the property, the team made it happen!

THE RESULT

Camellia & Co succeeded in created an open and welcoming space that goes to prove that even small spaces can be practical and look amazing. This project was quite different and exciting from the outset, involving a lot of bespoke carpentry work and creative thinking. Everything came together fabulously to create a feeling of relaxation and sophistication, which the client was very pleased with.

'One of the biggest mistakes you can make in small space living is to shy away from statement furniture,' warns Elaine Skinner, Design Director of Camellia & Co. 'With a little inventive floor planning, you can fit in plenty of seating, textures and shelving to achieve a luxe look.'

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Blue Water is available to let through Cornish Horizons.



A bespoke sofa bed injects a pop of colour and conceals hidden storage, while shelves, artwork and potted plants create a homely feel.



Layers of texture, artwork and potted plants create a luxurious and welcoming atmosphere in the main bedroom.



Natural wooden drawers and open wardrobes add much needed storage.

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A neutral palette, space saving shelves and wall mounted lights all help to keep the twin bedroom uncluttered.



A bespoke slimline dining table fixed to the wall, divides the kitchen and living areas and creates the perfect nook for eating or working.



In the hallway the walls and ceiling have been painted the same colour to draw the eye upwards, glass doors allow light to flow through, while a narrow console table adds a focal point and more storage.



The view of St Ives harbour and Godrevy lighthouse steals the show.