

Country Norfolk home



MASTER BEDROOM The couple have used this space as a showcase for their favourite modern artworks. Tallis leather bed, £3,695, The Conran Shop 10844 848 4000, conran.com. Mirrored cubes, £300 each, B&T Antiques 020 7229 7301, bntantiques.co.uk. The couple sourced much of their art from London Art Fair (londonartfair.co.uk)



work as one huge entertaining area. And we've sourced items in tactile wood and rattan to make sure it feels warm and cosy in winter. Among our favourite pieces are the big cuddly sofas, which we all snuggle up on together."

The property boasts some wonderful original features, none more impressive than the beams the couple chose to leave exposed and unpainted. They help give the place a contemporary rustic feel, and provide a contrast to the 20th-century artwork and designer furniture we've scattered about the place, says Juliette, who loves to mix classic and modern styles. "I've found it an effective way of adding glamour to the barn without losing that all-important country look."

Some of Juliette's most successful pairings include a simple wooden dining table and a set of chrome-and-leather chairs, the ultramodern arcing lamp that hovers over the antique coffee table in the sitting room, and the traditional kilim alongside the couple's chic leather bed. In combination, these pieces make the barn a charming prospect – so charming, in fact, that when Juliette and Joff made their first few weekend visits, they loved it that much they decided to live here permanently. "I'm from Norfolk originally," says Juliette, "so you could say it's a homecoming for me."

"It's very peaceful up here, and although we were initially convinced we'd miss the buzz of the capital, with all its restaurants, bars and shops, in reality we've never looked back," she adds. "We settled in very quickly, especially the children, who have plenty of places to play. And we all adore our huge garden, which seems to go on for ever and ever. That in itself was worth leaving London for!"

1 BATHROOM Mosaic tiles in soft green have a spa-like feel, enhanced by the shells and fossils George, Sebastian and Fleur have collected on their walks along the beach in nearby Wells-Next-the-Sea. Italian mosaic wall tiles, £60 per sq m; Bisque Seta radiator, from £400, both MC Stone 020 7289 7102, mcstone.co.uk

2 MASTER BEDROOM DETAIL Not only are shutters a low-maintenance alternative to curtains, they are also fantastic at blocking out the light and give an older building like this an added sense of tradition. Similar bespoke shutters, ShutterlyFabulous, 0845 444 2873, shutterlyfabulous.com. The Chair Set 01428 707301, thechairset.com specialises in selling antique chairs