



## TALKING POINTS

### What was your most extravagant buy?

Probably the light fittings, but they are stunning and I love them!

### What was your best find?

I salvaged the chair in the hall from our neighbours, who were chucking it out. Then I had it recovered in cow hide to give it a contemporary look.

### Who makes the decorating decisions?

I usually come up with a couple of different options, and then discuss them with Tony.

### What was the hardest task?

It was pretty tough when the kitchen was being built. We were camping in one room with no running water, which wasn't much fun with three kids. But at least it was only for eight weeks!

### Is there anything you'd change?

We'd like to pull up the carpet in the living room, because I suspect there's an original wooden floor underneath. But we'll need to save up first, so that we can restore the wood and buy a beautiful rug for the centre of the room.

### Which room is your favourite?

I love the kitchen, which is just as well, since I spend so much time in there! But our bedroom is my favourite space – it's such a sanctuary.

### Any advice for other people?

I'd definitely recommend a 'less is more' approach. It can be tempting to clutter Victorian houses, but this makes them feel so much smaller.

### Your best decorating tip?

Take your time over everything – anything I rush is always a mistake.

## CREATE THE LOOK



Victoria kitchen, £135 for a 600mm base unit, Crown Imperial

Set of four Cranberry Gingham placemats, £14.95; set of four Cranberry Heart napkins, £10.95. Both Cucina Direct



198cmW x 101.6cmD x 75cmH chunky natural dining table and six chairs, £579, Furniture223.co.uk

15cmH rose petal scented red check heart, £8.99, Country Cream

71cmW x 52cmH Warren Kimble House with Flag print, £26, Olde Glory



Red gingham lampshade and 33cm stand, £42.50, Peacock Blue



175cmW x 88cmD x 88cmH Ektor sofa in Blekinge white cover, £245, Ikea