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Fairytales CAN COME TRUE...

Once upon a time, an enchanting London mews played host to Cinderella.

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A limited edition bathtub, encrusted with crystals, conveniently holds the champagne for our sparkling fable!



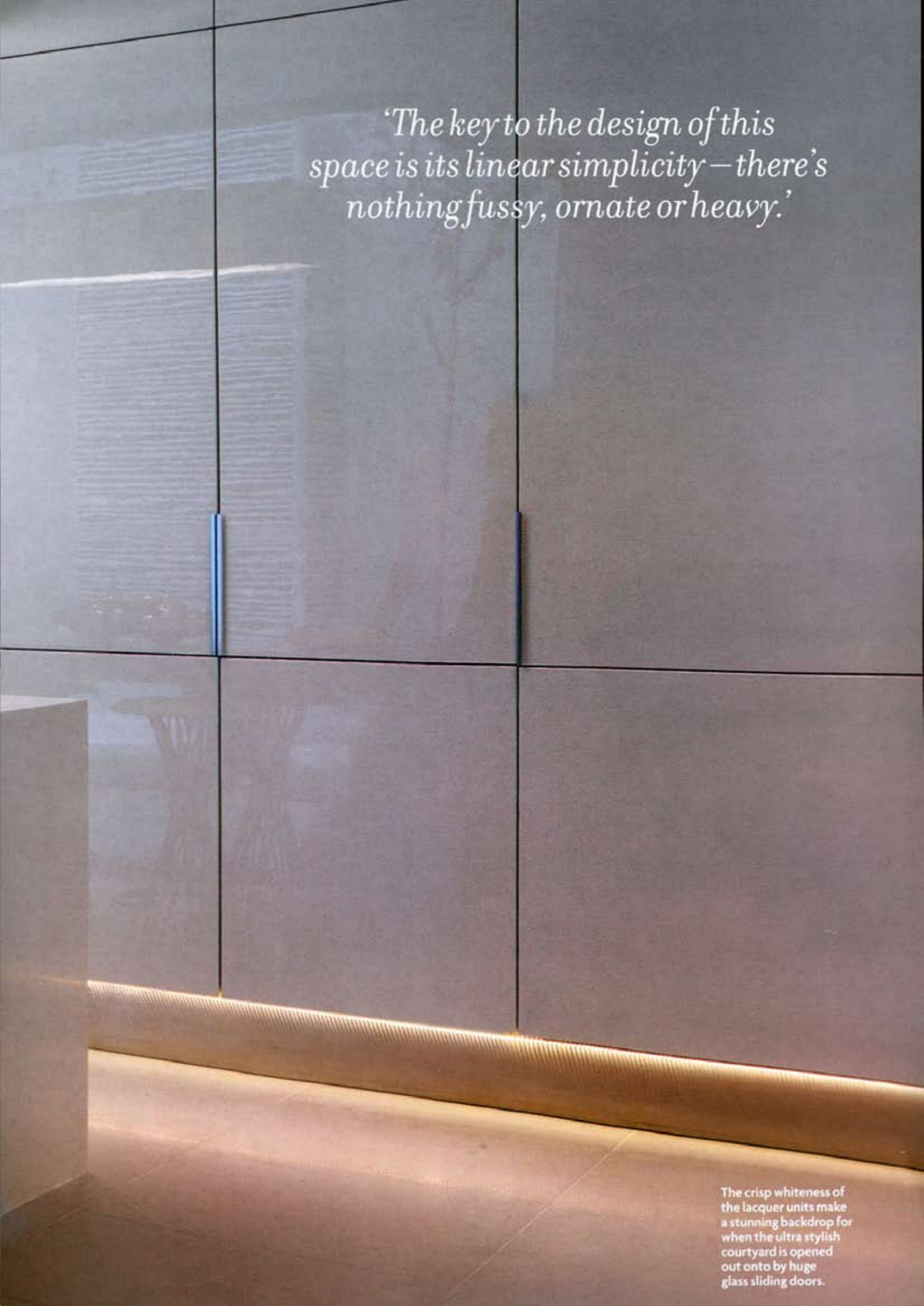
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Curtain up: the stage is set to reveal our sleek fairytale kitchen, exclusively styled in a winter wonderland theme for Cinderella's entrance.





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The crisp whiteness of the lacquer units make a stunning backdrop for when the ultra stylish courtyard is opened out onto by huge glass sliding doors.

'Sliding glass doors open up from the beautifully simple and streamlined white kitchen.'

As daylight fades, the magic begins. It may be a pretty mews house, tucked away behind some of the smartest streets in central London and given the sleekest interior by designer Mark Howorth but, for one night only, it's also home to a festive fairytale fantasy. 'It really is a magical house and so much fun,' says Mark.

The wintry scene is set, complete with ice-like water wall, glittering candles and white-dressed tree, when the arrival of a modern-day Cinderella heralds the start of the evening. 'This is a wonderful place for parties,' says Mark. 'Sitting here, drinking champagne, we could be anywhere. It's hard to believe that one hundred and fifty years ago, it was a stable block.'

The challenge of making the house into such a special home fell to Mark when the owner, busy travelling all over the globe, first got in touch. 'My client contacted me after following up a recommendation,' recalls Mark. 'I went to see where he was living at the time, because it's a very useful way of gauging likes and dislikes. For me, interior design is all about getting to know each individual and creating a home that is personal to each ➔'

KITCHEN PROFILE

This magical open-plan interior by Callender Howorth shines on every level. A contemporary and streamlined white gloss lacquer kitchen leads on to a secluded matching white courtyard, walled in glass, while the dining area echoes the same colour scheme, with glamorous leather padded walls. Upstairs, more glass floods the living area and stairwell with natural light, while contemporary furniture in leather and glass, set on the softest grey silk rugs, add a luxurious note. And the finishing touch? A supersize master bedroom suite, decorated in tranquil tones.

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As darkness falls outside, the island is brightly lit from above and looks out over the courtyard and into the chic dining area.



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client, not a hotel room. I am absolutely not into potato-print interior design, with standard formulas endlessly repeated.'

Sensing that his client wanted a contemporary home, designed both for relaxing and entertaining, Mark began to draw up the plans. 'The house had been renovated before my client bought it, but it really did not reflect his taste or style,' he says.

Mark began by opening up the semi-basement area. Sleek glass doors slide away from the beautifully simple, streamlined white kitchen and adjacent dining area on to a pretty internal courtyard to create a secluded entertaining space. A dramatic water wall catches the eye, its tranquil sound blocking out any city noise, and its mirrored surface increasing the sense of space in the courtyard. A carefully thought-out intelligent lighting system allows Mark's client to alter the mood of the space at the press of a remote control switch, especially effective thanks to the glass, steel, mirror and gloss lacquer surfaces which bounce light around the rooms. 'Lighting really makes this house sing at night,' he adds.

The focal point of the kitchen is the large island, wrapped in smooth white Corian and designed to appear as visually light as possible. 'We added plinth-level lighting to both the island and to the tall cabinets to create a floating feel,' explains Mark. 'The key to the design of this space is its linear →



Above The design classic Bubble Chair, hangs in front of a wall padded in luxuriously soft leather.

Right Sparking tableware, including a diamond-studded dinner service, complements the white and chrome surroundings.

Opposite A custom-made niche in the back wall is finished with smoked glass and concealed lighting, to make an impressive display area for some stunning glass objects.



'We got rid of internal walls and made a really luxurious space, much more in keeping with the style of this house.'



The elegant living area, filled with a collection of modern art, looks onto a dramatic feature water wall.



Glass walls add a contemporary feel to the house, as well as allowing maximum light into the rooms.

simplicity - there's nothing fussy, ornate or heavy.' As elegant as it is, however, this is a kitchen that is also designed for entertaining, with large integrated appliances and ample work surface for prep and serving. Plus there's even a micro-lift, hidden away in one of the cupboards, which speeds dishes upstairs.

More glass walls in the living area above

keep the feel of this home light and bright. A simple scheme of cream, grey and glass creates a tranquil backdrop to Mark's collection of modern art. 'One of the favourite parts of my job is to introduce my clients to new artists and galleries,' says Mark. 'Paintings and sculptures add personality and really make this home an incredible space.'

The same theme continues on the upper floor, where Mark suggested removing internal walls to create an open-plan master suite. 'We got rid of internal walls and made a really luxurious space, much more in keeping with the style of this house.'

Just at that moment, the doorbell rings and Mark's client's niece, six-year-old Teal



Set on a raised floor, the bedroom is zoned from the dressing area by a grey lacquer wall.



Reading up on fairytales, six-year-old Teal has her own bedroom when she comes to stay with her favourite uncle.

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arrives to join the festivities. Dressed in her favourite fairytale princess outfit, she pauses to enjoy the Christmas tree before heading to her own bedroom to catch up with a gift from Santa Claus: her very own book of fairytales. ■ Tree and all decorations created by *Shaftsberries Flowers*. 07950 826326, shaftsberriesflowers.com

With thanks to Mark Howorth's client, who generously allowed us to photograph our Christmas fairytale in his house. We are pleased to mention his favourite charity, inclusive theatre company, *Chickenshed Theatre Trust*. To make a donation, please call 020 8351 6161 or visit chickenshed.org.uk

STOCKISTS INFORMATION

APPLIANCES

Similar appliances; HB43MB520B double oven, £815; HF25M5L2B microwave, £530; EH975SK11E induction hob, £985; CI24RPO0 integrated fridge, £3,500; FI24NP30 integrated freezer, £4,120; SN66T094GB integrated dishwasher, £960; LB54564GB integrated extractor, £195, all at Siemens; Waterproof TV, £1,299, at Aquavision.

FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS

BlancoLinus-S mixer tap, £254; BlancoClaron 700-U undermounted sink, £464, both at Blanco; Corian Glacier White worktops, EPOA, at Callender Howorth; Origlia Circus stools, from £318 each; Porro Nouvelle Vague outdoor chair and footstool, from £1,679; all at Viaduct; Similar porcelain floor tiles, Stontech StonBeige, £80 per sq. m, at Surface Tiles; Pallucco Fold suspension light, £924, at Interni; Similar water wall, EPOA, at Darke Water Sculptures; Swarovski Elements bath by Catchpole & Rye, EPOA, exclusively at Harrods.

DINING AREA

Bespoke square glass table and leather padded walls, EPOA, both at Callender Howorth; B & B Italia Solo 42 chairs, from £690 each, at Mac & Mac Interiors; Oluce Fiore pendant light, from £234, at Viaduct; Bubble chair by Eero Aarnio, £3,060, at Made In Design.

LIVING ROOM

Poltrona Frau Kennedee sofa, from £6,276; Poltrona Frau Aster X arm chairs, from £2,532 each; Edra Cone chairs, from £2,112 each; Knoll Platner table, from £552, all at Viaduct; Bespoke coffee tables, EPOA, at Birgit Israel; Silver platter, EPOA; Bubbles vase, £729, both at Katharine Pooley; Custom-made grey silk rugs, EPOA, at Callender Howorth; Flos Arco light, £1,373, at David Village Lighting.

MASTER BEDROOM

Porro Modulor bed, from £3,155; Westberg Massaud W083 bedside lamps, £438 each, all at Viaduct; Soho console table, £995, at Andrew Martin; Gingerlily bedding and Fendi cushions, EPOA, both at Harrods.

TEAL'S BEDROOM

Shelving and desk unit, EPOA, at Callender Howorth; Fendi throw, EPOA; Gingerlily bedding, EPOA, both at Harrods; Porcelain ornaments, EPOA, at Lladro.

ACCESSORIES

Neptune gown, £6,000, at Quintana Couture; Princess dress, £60, at Disney; Nicolas Feuillate Champagne, at John Lewis; Oscar de la Renta shoes, EPOA, at Harrods; Curtain tie-backs, candelabra and floor lamps, EPOA, at C. Best. Kitchen/dining accessories and food items, courtesy of Harrods. *Prices are approximate. For stockists, see page 160.



Teal helps find Cinderella's shoe on the winter wonderland Christmas tree, sprayed in frosted white to match the courtyard decor.