

SEA CHANGE

A 1960s house overlooking the water on Cornwall's wild Lizard Peninsula has been renovated into a comfortable, stylish home that exudes tranquillity

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BESIDE THE SHORE

Owner Simon Francis largely remodelled and rebuilt the house with the help of Kathryn Tyler of Linea Studio and Gekko Designs, a property renovation specialist. It took two years but has resulted in a stylish, contemporary home with spectacular views and a style Simon describes as "modern with a homely, laidback feel"





HOME FROM SEA

The main bedroom has a mix of warm toning woods, leather chairs, textured linens and a freestanding wood-clad bathtub, which has wonderful views out over the sea. Nothing here detracts from the view – the harmonious natural tones, materials and shapes draw your eye to the seascape while a reclining chair allows you to relax and contemplate. The dining area sits in the middle of the open-plan ground floor





TRANQUIL VIBES

The walls and ceilings were finished in Clayworks clay plaster to give a pared-back yet tactile feel, with curved edges to soften the effect. Simon describes the interior as influenced by Scandinavian summerhouses and the Japanese sensibilities of architect George Nakashima, drawing upon a simple palette of concrete, linen and timber. The kitchen is homely but has a modern twist with floating open shelving that houses everyday tableware.

CALM & COLLECTED

Upstairs, the bedrooms are simple but cleverly planned, with interesting detailing such as hessian fabric on the wooden doors, built-in shelving to create a sense of order and lots of clean-lined furniture and storage that keeps the rooms light and uncluttered. The repeated use of natural materials and neutral shades means that these spaces are equally restful



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