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# THE JOY OF IMPERFECTION

A sense of history has been reintroduced to a Victorian terraced house in West Sussex, where muted colours mingle with antique furnishings

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#### OLD TIMES

Anna Phillips and her husband Jeff have done much of the work throughout the house, stripping and paring back, and reinstating character. The fireplace in the main bedroom was opened up and fitted with an antique surround - the small chair is a folk piece. In the kitchen, a snug area has a sofa from Jamb and, hanging above it, a painting from the inside lid of a sailor's chest that belonged to Anna's late father



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**WORK ETHIC**

Anna and her sons Miller and Herbie spend a lot of time in the open-plan kitchen extension, which has become a light-filled family room. Reclaimed timber units, a zinc-topped island and boarded walls create a hardworking space







### BARE BONES

"Almost everything we have is antique or vintage," Anna says. "I've picked it all up in antiques shops, markets and junk shops. I used to go to Ardingly antiques market and fill up the car, but I've now made a conscious decision to have less stuff"



### IN THE SHADOWS

At one end of the kitchen/diner, a recently installed part-partition with restoration glass above gives the snug area more intimacy. Upstairs, in what was already a converted loft space, the couple decided to create two bedrooms for the boys. Panelling gives Herbie's room more character. Anna bought the antique fabric-backed map from The Country Brocante Store in Midhurst





#### CREATIVE SPACES

Jeff built the box bed (painted in Firtle from Atelier Ellis) in Herbie's room with shelving and cupboards. Anna runs her knitwear company Hambro & Miller, producing high-quality Scandinavian-style clothing, from the office upstairs, a space she shares with Jeff, who is a musician. *Hambro & Miller* ([hambroandmiller.co.uk](http://hambroandmiller.co.uk))

