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A DREAM SCHEME

*Modern additions and art deco-inspired interiors
have revived Sadie and Justin Tew's period cottage*

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EXTERIOR

The traditional garden was converted into a contemporary outdoor living area complete with pool and stylish planting. Pool, Guricast. Trees, from £200 each, Majestic Tree Company. Planting and garden design, Design By Katja. Outdoor furniture, price on request, McKinnon and Harris



HOME TRUTHS

THE PROPERTY Two farm cottages, built in 1800, with timber-clad extensions

LOCATION Bedfordshire

ROOMS Sitting room, kitchen/living area, dining room, snug, study, boot room, playroom, four bedrooms (two en suite), bathroom, art studio, pool house

PURCHASED 1997

PREVIOUS PROPERTY "We lived in a townhouse in south London," says Sadie.

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LIVING AREA
Bursts of yellow and patterned textiles add vibrant touches. Exclusif sofa and ottoman, £10,000, Ligne Roset. Cushions, from £110 each; patterned throw, £75, both by Margo Selby for Casa Botelho. Lucca rug, from £745sq m; Eros mirror, from £1,495, both Casa Botelho



KITCHEN
The glamorous feel of this space, leading out to Justin's art studio, is enhanced by suede bar stools and jewel-coloured pendant lights. Kitchen, from £20,000, Tom Howley. Diana bar stools, £2,275 each, Casa Botelho. Pendant lights, from £2,200 each, Lindsey Adelman Studio

SITTING ROOM

Angular seating is softened by decorative cushions, creating an inviting atmosphere. Lovebird Leopards in Delta cushion cover, £116, Ardmore. Hockney sofa, from £3,950; ottoman, £949, both The Sofa & Chair Company. Pangolin artwork (behind chairs), £3,000, Justin Tew

Every time Sadie Tew returns home she is reminded of why she was initially drawn to her house. 'We're surrounded by horse paddocks, country lanes, open fields, the village duck pond and beautiful walks,' says Sadie. 'It's my sanctuary.' And now a forever space shared with artist husband Justin and their nine-year-old son Johnny.

'I visited the nearby town of Woburn for a friend's wedding and loved the area,' says Sadie. 'I then came to view this house on a whim and it literally wrapped its arms around me.' Fast forward 23 years and the original farm cottages are now

juxtaposed with two contemporary extensions accommodating an open-plan space with a kitchen, cosy living and dining areas, and a vaulted master bedroom suite with a study above.

The timber-clad extensions, sympathetic to the local architecture, open onto an elegant pool and pale limestone patio area, that has been artfully landscaped. In the summer, the feel is Mediterranean chic meets contemporary country, with a delightful selection of trees and sculptural topiary.

Sadie's fast-paced career working at Ralph Lauren means that she frequently travels abroad. 'Home is my escape and in

summer we love to host long relaxed lunches – Justin is a great cook,' she says. 'I grew up in Majorca and wanted to emulate that glamorous and serene outdoor feel.' Inside the house, structural changes were made largely by Justin. 'I tend to come up with the coup de coeur, then Justin focuses on the detail and research,' says Sadie. 'He has a really good design eye.' A converted outhouse by the kitchen is now home to Justin's studio, where he produces his colourful artwork.

With the building work complete, Sadie enlisted the help of her friend and interior designer, João Botelho, founder of

Casa Botelho, to come up with a beautiful new scheme for the house. 'We met 20 years ago and share a mutual fervour for fashion,' explains Sadie. 'I had already chosen a few special pieces, but I was keen to work with João to transform and upgrade our living spaces. His iconic "masculine glamour" style is in tune with my love of clean lines and simplicity.'

Having also worked previously for Nicole Farhi and Michael Kors, Sadie's style is highly influenced by luxury design, high-quality materials and bespoke finishes, all with a timeless longevity. Art deco influences, jewel-toned furnishings and a

INSPIRATION 'Fashion, design, art and all things beautiful. I look for harmony'

STUDY
An eye-catching coffee table adds a contemporary edge. Infinity coffee table, £3,395; Porada, Cabinetry, from £5,000; Neville Johnson; Cushions in Manzu fabric in Indigo, £66m, William Yeoward



MASTER EN SUITE
This wet room has been clad in stone for a spa-like effect. Molearios Blue honed limestone tiles, £53,999/m; Mandarin Stone; Ermos leather pouffe, £1,395; walnut tray, from £216, both Casa Botelho



MASTER BEDROOM
The oversized headboard, luxurious materials and bespoke statement furniture combine for a chic look. Cupid headboard, from £4,250; Eros bedside table, £2,795, both Casa Botelho. Try the boutique hotel silk bedspread, from £280, John Lewis & Partners

sense of symmetry prevail throughout, with pairs of mirrors, consoles, wardrobes, chairs and tables, thoughtfully chosen from Casa Botelho's bespoke collections. 'Forest green marble and dark bronze metal finishes have been used to help unite the spaces,' says Sadie. 'I like to keep colours calm, lines simple and always buy the best I can afford.'

The sitting room and snug are in the original beamed cottage, and have been designed as more formal spaces. 'The bespoke drinks cabinet in here is among my most cherished pieces,' explains Sadie. Shades of ivory, blue and beige add a

calm aesthetic to the master bedroom and bespoke designs in textural leather, marble and American walnut contrast with the rustic vaulted beams. 'Our bedroom is one of my favourite spaces,' says Sadie. 'At night, the moon shines through the skylights and by day we enjoy views from the Juliette balcony, across the garden and paddocks.'

For Sadie and Justin, their home is the culmination of their life experiences, travel influences and design collaborations. 'The house always inspires us,' says Sadie. 'We're very lucky to live here and never take it for granted.'