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**Main bedroom** Pale walls and crisp white bedlinen offset the dark wood. **Walls**, painted in Skimming Stone by Farrow & Ball. **Bed**, Barker and Stonehouse. **Bedlinen**, The White Company. **Mirror**, TK Maxx.



was covered in rust marks and she wanted to get rid of it. I begged her not to and we had it re-enamelled for £100. When she saw it afterwards, she couldn't believe it was the same one. Now they love to see what we have done and my mum is always asking what we are going to do next.'

The couple's most significant project has been the kitchen, where only her mother's farmhouse table survived the changes. 'When she lived here all she had was that, an old Aga, a sink and a dresser,' says Laura. 'I don't know how she managed. This whole kitchen was designed around the supposedly pewter-grey Aga. Then it arrived and it was blue. The man who brought it still insisted it was grey and in the end we thought: "Right, we'll keep it." It was such a heavy item to send back and forth and we had been lifting furniture for so long we couldn't face doing it any more.'

In fact, it adds a fresh, modern note perfectly in keeping with the family's style. 'This house feels so informal and close to the country around it,' says Laura. 'I always have the windows open and I don't think the back door is ever closed. It is so relaxing living here, especially when the sun is shining, but even in the winter when it is covered in snow, it's absolutely beautiful.'

📞 **Vintage Barn, 07872 823265, vintage-barn.co.uk.**



**Bathroom** The original cast-iron bath, now restored, is the centrepiece of the bathroom. **Bath**, similar from Drummonds. **Laundry hamper**, Boldon Auction Galleries.



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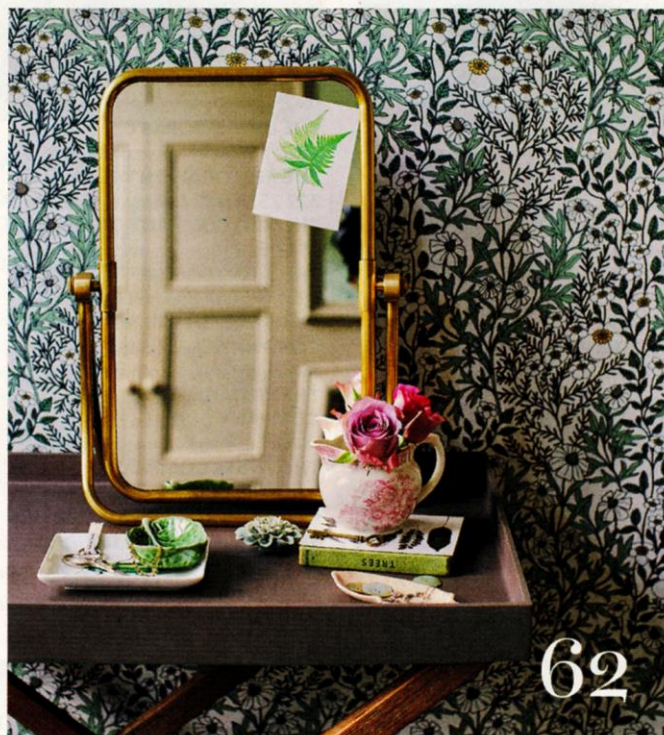
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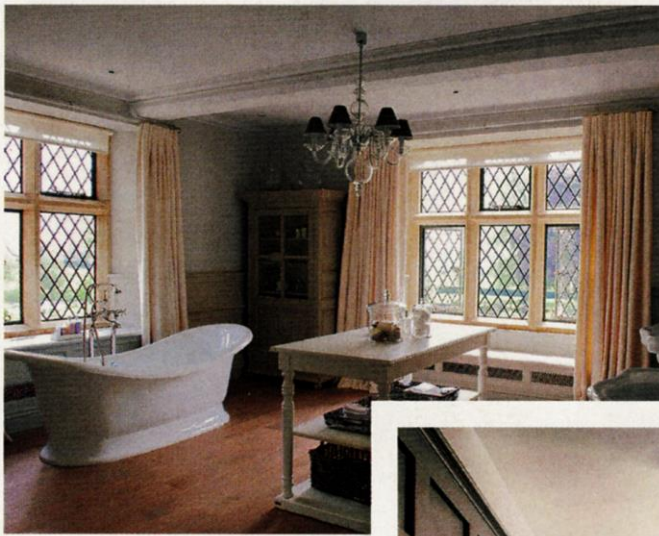
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Spey **bath**, £3,570; Classic bath **mixer taps**, £2,628; Dalby **shower** with 300mm rose, £2,700, all Drummonds.



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# Grand country house

'The key to a statement bathroom is using space and materials to create drama,' says James Lentaigne, director, Drummonds. 'Dedicate as much space as you can to the bathroom and use classic chrome, glass and mirrors to maximise light. For full-on wow factor, choose freestanding fittings that seriously impress and transform the space into pure theatre.' Nothing says luxury like a spacious 'his and hers' shower. In this dramatic example, a half-wall topped with a bespoke shower glass keeps the water and steam contained, leaving a sparkling chandelier to steal the show.