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CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE CLIENT'S TASTE? 'As she is a fine artist, she wanted something beautiful and personal,' says Tom. 'Throughout the project, we sought to combine classic decoration and antiques with a clean freshness that expresses her personality. Colours were key for this project and helped bring a unique atmosphere for each room.'

WHAT WERE THE CHALLENGES? 'It turned out the house needed almost a complete structural renovation so we ended up overseeing a huge team,' says

site meetings and our clients had to sign off on lots of design decisions remotely.'

WERE THERE ANY INNOVATIVE DESIGN DETAILS? 'We spent a long time inventing clever ways to hide the air-conditioning units which could have been quite a constraint,' says Tom. 'We were keen not to lower ceilings so instead we designed cupboards the units could be hidden in. In the study, for example, one of the bookcases conceals the AC unit behind a frontage of faux book spines.'

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MAIN BEDROOM

The artwork was commissioned on a series of panels making them portable should the clients move.

Painted wall panels by Diane Hill and Nicky Pasterfield

MAIN BATHROOM

The verre églomisé mirror evokes the effect of steam.

Copper bath, Drummonds. Verre églomisé panel by Emma Peascod

NURSERY

Dusky pinks and a soft rug strike a restful mood.

Mural, Diane Hill. Rug, Stark Carpet

BEDROOM

The antique Japanese screen was the starting point of this scheme.

Japanese paper screen, Guinevere

