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THIS SEASON

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bring home  
this winter*

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designer profile

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Blanca trained at the Chelsea College of Art and Design, after getting an Honours Degree from Durham University in Spanish with History, and after completing a postgraduate business course at South Bank University. Her interior design career started at Hill House Interiors in Weybridge, where she joined them in their first week of business. After eleven years with them she left to start her own award winning interior design company, Halo Design Interiors. Halo has now worked on prestigious residential estates including the Crown Estate, Oxshott and The Wentworth Estate to name but two, with the value of the projects handled varying from around one million to over twenty million pounds.

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*design of*  
**THE LAKESIDE HOME**



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The property itself is in an idyllic setting in the Cotswolds between the towns of Lechlade and Fairford, Gloucestershire. It sits on the shores of a lake, surrounded by unspoilt countryside and a sprinkling of similar properties. These are all second homes, discreetly nestling in their own private plots.



**THE CLIENTS:** Are a young couple and their four young children, whose main home is in Surrey. They wanted to create a rural haven away from the everyday stresses of their work and lives in Surrey, but within a relatively short enough distance, making it feasible to travel there for weekends away on a regular basis.

I felt that the setting dictated a certain approach, and I therefore wanted to ensure that the interiors had a connection with the rural setting. Furthermore, it needed to give a sense of calm and tranquillity, but at the same time give a sense of light hearted fun which represented the clients and their young family and the fact it was effectively a holiday home.

On entering the house there is a guest w/c to the left and pink family boot room to the right. On entering through double doors the main living space on the ground floor has a wall of sliding glazed doors from the far left to the far right, providing uninterrupted views directly onto the lake. A large deck runs the entire width of the house too for outdoor eating and seating and access to paddle boards and canoes.







The dining table which seats 10 is made of a bleach wood with bespoke aluminium legs. The contemporary chandelier light fitting is full of clear baubles which creates a stunning effect when lit.

The kitchen and pantry is positioned to the left, through pocket doors, with an open plan dining space immediately in front as you enter. The main sitting space is to the right with a fun family tv room mainly for the children off of the sitting space. Flooring throughout the ground floor is a porcelain replicating wide planked faux wood. This not only connects with the wooden decking outside but is practical and will not require maintenance and can be cleaned easily, a must with a young family running in and out. All the open plan walls are crisp white plaster.

A console table with porta roman table lamps define the sitting area which consists of two large grey family sofas and a glass coffee table that sit on an area rug. A pair of orange Jacobsen egg chairs punctuate the sitting area and add colour and fun to the space.





An led back lit bannister guides you up to the first floor where all four of the children's bedrooms are situated, all with their own en-suites. The first children's bedroom is the graffiti bedroom with glass ceiling hung bauble chair. Shelves positioned on the wall facing the headboard provide ample space for the child to place his favourite items. A solid glass table and a glass chair provide a space for him to do his homework. A connecting alice in wonderland door behind the bauble chair connects this bedroom to their other son's bedroom.



Next along the corridor is the eldest daughter's bedroom which is very dainty with its swing chair and fairy tale style bed. A wall of coat hooks act as a practical space for all her favourite dresses to be hung and seen.

The last bedroom is the youngest child and she has a bespoke bed with drawers underneath and rocking horse to play on. A pink ensuite ties in the design neatly.









A further set of stairs takes you up to the master suite which is a huge open place calm space in off whites and neutrals. This space didn't need to be practical but a calm sanctuary for the couple. A superking size bed is positioned centrally with bedside cabinets either side with copper glass pendant chandeliers hanging above like diamond earrings. As walls of glass flank both sides of the bedroom, full length white sheers were made to filter sunlight and add a calming elegance to the space. A vinyl wallpaper adds more texture against the sheers while a yak fur sofa sits at the end of the bed adding some more texture and modernity to the space.





Behind the dressing table is an open plan dressing room and behind the dressing room is the master ensuite. This comprises of a floor standing bath positioned so that you can bathe with direct views over the lake. His and her sinks run adjacently to the window and a twin rain shower head shower is situated along the back wall.



The owners love this space and love spending weekends here as it all works so well for them.