

# Beautifully Bespoke

Kris Turnbull, one of the interior designers involved with Beautiful Homes Northern Ireland on BBC NI, showcased a variety of home projects and here we take a closer look at a few of these.



## Shifting Styles

In this Hollywood home, Kris showed how treasured pieces that were designed for the homeowner's previous period property could seamlessly make the shift to his new contemporary home.

**THE BRIEF** Having worked with Kris before, the homeowner wanted him to bring the rooms of his new build home to life and incorporate existing pieces such as the stunning green velvet sofa.

**THE STYLE** A glamorous makeover that focuses on mixing and matching the classic and contemporary throughout. For example, contemporary touches such as the wall lights at the fireplace and the Christopher Guy glass coffee table, blend perfectly with the more classical elements of this space including the homeowners much loved green sofa. Kris has used different metallics to great effect and even the bedroom has had a five star makeover with layered lighting and luxurious finishes, including floor to ceiling curtains that elevate a small bedroom window to a grand opening!

**THE FINISHED RESULT** An eclectic look that mixes different styles to achieve a luxurious finish.



**TOP TIP:** You need to be confident in knowing what looks right and wrong together to get this one right.



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## Small Yet Stylish

Even if space is compromised, it doesn't mean that you have to make your home any less fabulous as Kris demonstrates in this Dublin apartment.

**THE BRIEF** Housed in a beautiful Georgian building this bland, unloved 850 sq.ft. apartment was to be transformed into something from the pages of Elle Décor.

**THE STYLE** A Parisian city pad, which effortlessly combines antique, traditional, mid-century and modern furnishings. The kitchen alone has 21 different finishes and clearly reflects the attention to detail that has gone into every area of this carefully curated design. Clever use of bespoke mirrors, wall panelling and oversized furnishings makes the spaces of this apartment feel bigger than they actually are.

**THE FINISHED RESULT** A chic city abode that feels larger than life, in Kris's own words, 'it's a baby tiger with a big roar!'

**TOP TIP:** Don't underestimate the complexity of this interior style.





## Moving Memories

In Keady, Kris helped homeowner Frances make the move from his family home of 40 years, ensuring sentimental furnishings were incorporated into the design.

**THE BRIEF** Turning a house into a comfortable and welcoming home for Frances and his wider family to spend time together.

**THE STYLE** A classically beautiful interior with luxurious finishes and detailing that Frances can appreciate due to his own building restoration work on some of Ireland's finest stately homes. Kris' attention to detail has married the interiors with the craftsmanship of the build and touches like the Mulberry Home Bohemian Romance Birds fabric and colour palette used throughout reflect the fact that this is a grand home in the country. Family photographs and a beautiful mahogany dresser were just a few of the memorable items that Kris reimaged into Frances new home design.

**THE FINISHED RESULT** Refined, yet relaxed country living.

**TOP TIP:** You can't hold onto everything, instead it's about selecting pieces that have the most memorable value to you.

The final episode airs Monday 11th April at 8pm on BBC One Northern Ireland with the full series available to watch on BBC iPlayer.