

HOUSE TOUR: A FORMER HORSE STABLE BECOMES A STUNNING ENGLISH ESTATE

And it only took 11 weeks.



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To call designer Henriette von Stockhausen's home a fixer-upper would be an understatement. The 18th-century home in Dorset, England had been vacant for over two years, and was chopped up into two separate units, when she and her family took possession of it. There were even rats and bats inside the home, von Stockhausen tells ElleDecor.com.

But in just 11 weeks, the home would return to its former glory, and be filled with elegant, modern flourishes throughout. "We were effectively homeless and needed to get in as soon as possible" von Stockhausen explains, describing how builders worked weekends and late evenings to rebuild what was left of the estate — the original stable blocks, which would be converted into her new home.

The 5,200-square-foot space now balances traditional English aesthetics and tasteful antiques with bold colors and international flair inspired by von Stockhausen's travels abroad. The needs of her three children, dog, and "outdoorsman" husband are also prominent at every turn.

Take a look at the tour of the home in the photos below.



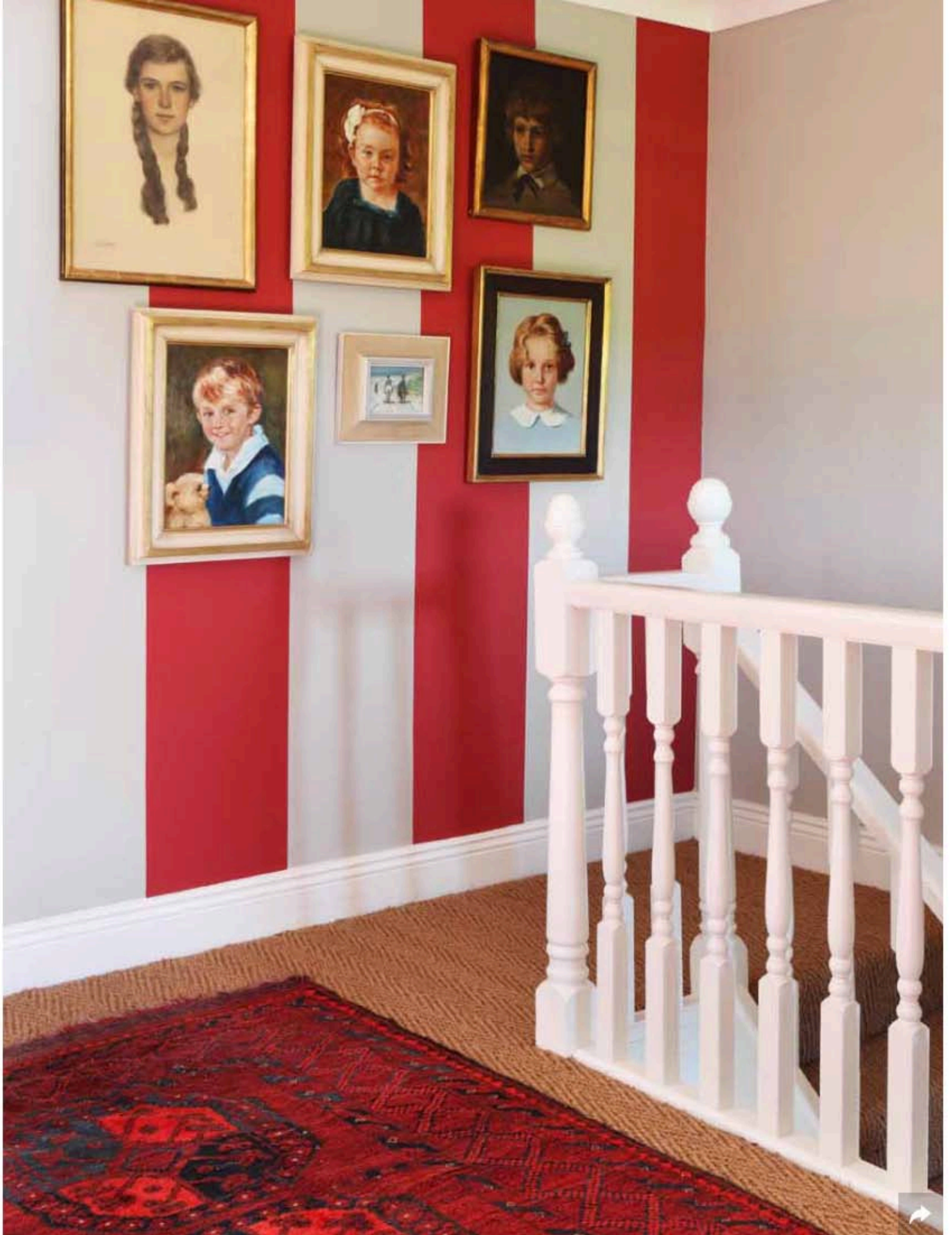
Dorset used hand-stitched fabrics made for clothing to cover some of the walls. The fabrics and wallpapers used are based on traditional English designs, which von Stockhausen says nod to the building's former use as a stable and carriage block.





von Stockhausen's love of travel has had a noticeable influence on her design, as seen in the Moroccan cushions scattered about the TV room and the main bedroom's lively colors, which are evocative of Mexico.





Colors add vibrancy throughout much of the home, like the red-and-white striped walls of the upstairs hallway and the patterned blue Zoffany wallpaper in the living room.







The kitchen's contemporary feel made it a great spot to display von Stockhausen's modern artworks and objects, like the portrait of her husband's hawk, Minty, and their African Tonga winnowing baskets.