



OLD-STYLE GLAMOUR

Henriette von Stockhausen and Jane Petti share a passion for old-style glamour: big, big mirrors, sumptuous fabrics, rich colours and lots of antiques. In the 15 months since they founded their company, VSP Interiors, the duo has tackled a

chalet in Austria, revamped a polo lodge in Wiltshire and transformed a cramped and dingy London mews house into a bijou pied-à-terre.

They have also worked on a range of smaller projects, from making over kitchens and bathrooms to advising on furnishing a particular room. "Our smallest job has been sourcing a dining table and some chairs," says von Stockhausen. But for some clients they do everything: "We select every plate, every napkin – we virtually put the shopping in the fridge."

Von Stockhausen is the theatrical side of the partnership, with a passion for antiques – whether fabulously expensive or flea-market cheap – and Petti provides the practical balance. While von Stockhausen is fired up by the client with the ever-open cheque book, Petti gets excited by people who want results on a shoestring – she's a demon at bringing tired kitchens back to life with well-considered colour schemes, fittings and work surfaces.

"It's all about identifying what sort of lifestyle people have and creating an interior to reflect that," she says. "There are often arguments between couples about what to do to an interior, and sometimes I feel as though we're also offering a marriage-guidance service. But it's nice at the end when the clients say, 'We didn't think we needed that, but it's great and it really works.' Interiors need to be stylish, but they've got to be functional, too."

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