



## Italia and Partners faced a challenge with this Chelsea apartment



Italia and Partners recently [redefined a South Kensington apartment](#) by separating a kitchen from a living room, allowing the owner to close off the two rooms when necessary yet still create plenty of open space and allow more natural light. They also cleverly mixed classic and modern materials to create an elegant bathroom.

Now, the architecture and design company have taken on the challenge of a three-floored apartment in Earls Court, Chelsea – Collingham Place.

The owners of Collingham Place needed another bathroom on the same floor as the living area and a different layout to sort out the height difference between the kitchen and the living room.



Architect Matteo Italia said “We created two-sided recesses that are integrated into two shelves in the kitchen to resolve the problem of the different height levels, and we added a bioethanol fireplace on the living room side.”

Some of the property's existing wooden doors were restored to create continuity with the original building, while in other places Lualdi flush doors were added. Lighting design was another important element in this project. Laser Blade lights by iGuzzini were fitted inside the black rectangular false ceilings that run throughout the house, alternating asymmetrically to form a decorative element.

On the top floor, the master bedroom was enriched with a walk-in wardrobe, while the bathroom was given its very own personality using black and white tiles from Mutina's Puzzle collection and black fittings, such as the resin-topped Cielo basin stand. For heating, a Rift radiator by Tubes was put in.



Italia commented: "Inside the home we used only Italian materials and furnishings. Most of the furniture was designed by us and made by an artisan carpenter in order to achieve the very best quality."