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*Inspired by the houses in this issue,
Emily Tobin gives directions on how to achieve similar style*



WALLCOVERING

The kitchen walls are covered in 'Xanadu' (71023), a paper-backed fabric by Brian Yates (020-7352 0123; www.brian-yates.co.uk), which costs £56.25 per metre. With its textured surface and subtle shimmer, the effect is very chic.

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TILES

The pretty tiles in the bathroom are from Emery & Cie (020-8969 0222; www.emeryetcie.com), which has a wealth of designs in lots of different patterns and colours. Lucy Ford created this motif specifically to create the impression of a rug. For a similar effect, try these tiles, '120' and 'B4', from €110 per square metre.



LEATHER

Lucy reupholstered the kitchen bar stools in Superkidskin in 'stormy sea' by J Robert Scott (020-7376 4705; www.jrobertscott.com). Made from lambskin, this incredibly soft leather costs £32.20 per square foot.



SOFA

The bespoke velvet sofa, designed by Lucy, is a smart alternative to dining chairs. Made to match the length of the table, it measures 130 x 280 x 80cm and cost £3,500, plus 23 metres of 'Argenta' velvet, by Altfield (020-73515893; www.altfield.com), which costs £56.70 per metre.

SUZANI WALL HANGING



North African and Asian textiles provide splashes of saturated colour throughout the house. A suzani wall hanging from Cocoon in Istanbul (www.cocoontr.com) creates a dramatic backdrop in the bedroom. For something similar, try Anglo-Oriental Antiques (01451-844310; www.anglo-orientalantiques.com) in Gloucestershire - this 'Black Bolim Posh Suzani' from Uzbekistan dates from the Thirties, measures 225 x 164cm, and costs £985.



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LIMEWASH

Exposed stonework and brushed plaster in the dining area give the room an irregular finish that suits the feel of the house. The plaster finish was mixed locally in Anduze, but for a similar effect try using limewash in clay by Francesca's Paints (020-7228 7694; www.francescaspaint.com), which costs £20.60 for a litre.



LAMPS

Tripod lamps from Oka (0844-815 7380; www.okadirect.com) flank the sofa in the sitting room. Available in chrome or brass, they cost £245 each, without the shade. Douglas Mackie had the bright pink shades custom-made in 'Simla' matka silk in tropical pink by James Hare (01132-431204; www.james-hare.com), which costs £31 per metre.



CHAIR

Douglas found these 'Tolix' chairs in France, but they are available at Graham & Green (0845-130 6622; www.grahamandgreen.co.uk), in an assortment of colours, from £190. Originally designed by Xavier Pauchard in 1934, this timeless design is a fun substitute for conventional dining chairs.

