

Artist's House, Brixton

Location: London Borough of Lambeth, UK

Client: Private

Dates of involvement: 2013 - 2015

Size: 134sqm

Construction cost: £152,000

"We are enjoying the house so much that Chris now works from home two or three days a week. Rather than a house built for a Victorian family, with seven kids in one room, our home serves modern family needs and habits. We finally have a space that suits the way we live and move around. Selfishness is quite well executed in this house!"

Artist Client



New oak flooring and bespoke storage has been installed throughout the house.



A new rooflight adds internal space, joining kitchen and living.

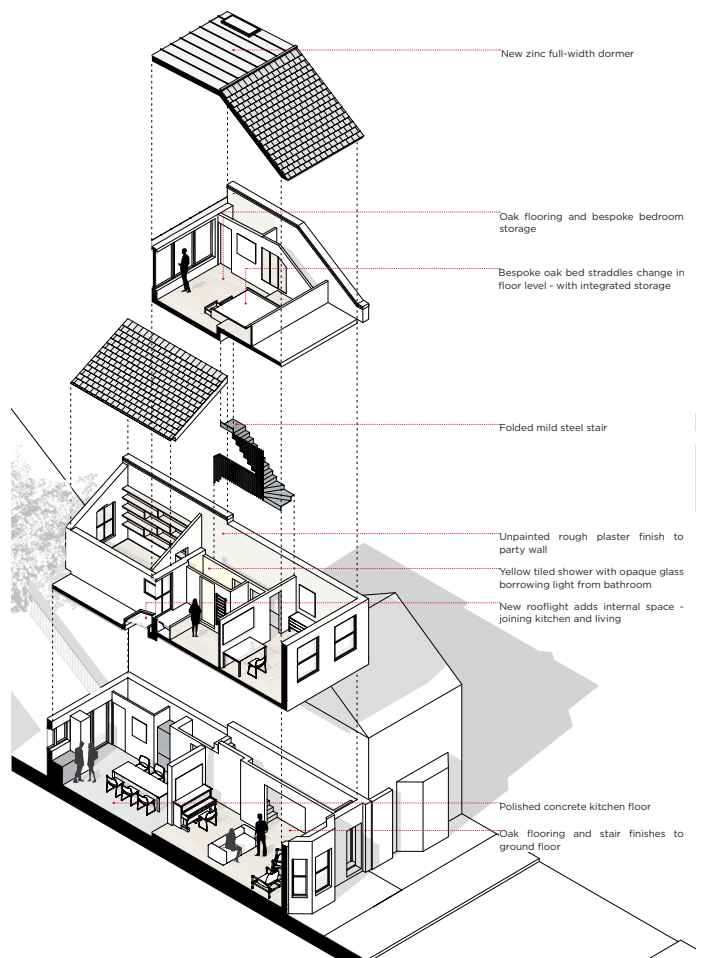
A Victorian terraced house in Brixton has been reconfigured to meet the needs of an artist and her growing family - transforming their home of 12 years into a light-filled, energy-efficient abode.

Designed for a narrow urban lot, the original house embodied many of the spatial challenges typical of London's housing stock from this period. Living room and kitchen areas had been subdivided into small, dark rooms, which lacked gathering space for family and friends, and the house was cold and damp in winter.

External brick walls have been lined with innovative calcium silicate natural insulation and a bright and spacious living room now flows through to the kitchen, offering dual aspect views to the outside.

Upstairs, a study nook has been introduced - enabling home working for the first time. A yellow shower room borrows light from the main family bathroom through a large opaque glass wall. Separate entrances to each allow simultaneous use during the morning rush to get ready for work and school. The new loft bedroom has bespoke oak storage and a built-in bed making creative use of a change in floor level.

The result is a healthier, better quality space for family togetherness, home-working and display of the client's artwork - expressed through a simple palette of self-finished materials, which playfully delineate the relationship between old and new.



Exploded axonometric drawing showing interventions, alterations and additions.