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Farmhouse Sittingroom with a luxurious finish

This sitting room started life as two separate rooms in what is now part of a fully converted and renovated traditional farmhouse located in Galway. Through the process of spatial planning prior to the full renovation, we decided to open up the entire space, which included removing the dividing wall between these two rooms. This gave us a most impressive space to turn in to a sitting room. We also raised the ceiling to give a much improved dimension to the room, which in turn allowed us to introduce a simple traditional coving detail.

On dismantling the dividing wall between the two rooms, we made a thrilling discovery – the original limestone fire surround, likely to be more than a hundred years old. The fire surround lay beneath some ghastly plasterwork. Once exposed, we carefully dismantled the surround piece by piece, numbering each one in turn. We then rebuilt the fire surround in its current position where it is the central focal point of the room. Miraculously, the fire surround was discovered in perfect condition, which is quite rare as more often than not the central key stones become damaged over time. With only a little care and sand blasting, it was heart-warming to restore and reinstate what felt like the heart of the home. We sourced the large cream wood-burning stove, which is a perfect fit within the surround.

This room is all about texture and fastidious attention to detail. The walls are lined with fabric backed silk wallpaper, which set off the shot velvet window treatments and silk roman blinds. We combined a number of plush and sumptuous textures, such as the upholstery on the knoll sofa, easy chairs and window seats. The rug, cushions and throws complete the regal feel. The bespoke theme continues with the timber and painted French cabinet, which was also custom designed for this project. Final flourishes such as the silver lamps with silk shades and silver finished feature mirror give this classical setting an unexpected twist.

Character, luxury and comfort are words that spring to mind when sitting in this room. While it has many contemporary touches, it also seems to have a sense of its own history. A true labour of love that absorbed its designer from start to finish.

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