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MODERN & LUXURIOUS FAMILY LIVING

GRÁINNE HULL-O'NEILL ESTABLISHED HER COMPANY, ARCHITECTURAL SPACES, SEVEN YEARS AGO. WITH HER TEAM OF DESIGNERS, SHE WORKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE EXCITING DESIGN OF THE NEW CLOTHING RETAIL STORE, 'BORN', AT NEWTOWNSMITH, GALWAY CITY.



This home is a statement of modern luxury. We were brought in at the building stage of the project and redesigned the spatial layouts of the ground floor of the house. Then, electrical and lighting details were specified to compliment the new layouts, along with all the joinery details. The result is a tribute to modern design, giving the owners a unique bespoke interior.

The entrance hall is a clear signal of intent! It combines warm inviting colours and textures with clean modern touches. Classic oak doors are juxtaposed with modern glass feature doors – and the limed oak staircase has LED low level lighting along with a statement modern handrail. Through one of the glass doors, works of art in themselves, is the sitting room. The sitting room combines classic luxury with funky colour schemes and patterns. There is feature floral wallpaper to accentuate the chimney breast, flanked either side by a complimentary self-patterned paper. The rest of the room is decorated in a soft cream, to compliment while not overpower

the look. The plush rug sits on the limed oak floor to add to the luxurious feel, while the clean lines of the window treatments are continuous with the modern theme.

Also off the entrance hall through another spectacular glass door is the open plan kitchen, living and dining area. The kitchen is modern and clean, with injections of black and red adding to the contemporary feel. There is a family breakfast bar, which doubles up as a kitchen preparation area complete with sink. The whole unit is stylishly and discreetly lit, adding to the ambience of social evenings. Behind the breakfast bar, the cityscape blinds conceal the wonder that is an alfresco dining space. At the other end of the space are the dining and sitting areas. The sitting area is a family space combining functionality with contemporary design. The fresh and funky theme continues with the window treatments and accessories while, again, the scheme is not overpowering. The floor from hallway through to kitchen and living area is the same, which accentuates the feeling of light and space.



One of the oak doors in the entrance hall conceals the funkiest of guest bathrooms. We designed the mirrored sink surround to compliment the pink moon glass bowl. The statement glass mosaic backdrop perfectly frames the whole design, with tones that augment the statement of the sink. A real conversation piece! The master bedroom is, again, modern, clean and peaceful without being overpowering. Crisp lines and contemporary lighting are softened by the wall art, a tranquil lily to inspire quality rest.

The combination of modern, funky and vibrant design with softening colours and light floors, creates a beautiful home ideally suited to the young stylish family living there. It shows that modern design need not be cold, nor at the expense of luxury.



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