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# *A sophisticated London apartment combines Italian sophistication with British style*

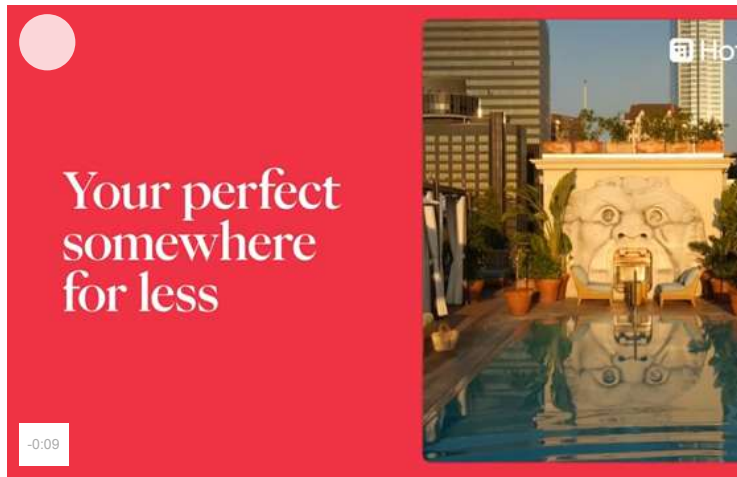
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The home of art collector Umberta Gnutti Beretta takes you on a journey through Italian and English art through its special architecture.

A small, uninspiring space in London was transformed into a comfortable and sophisticated home filled with English charm and Italian style, by international architecture and interior design studio Tomèf. The aim of the design was for the final result to reflect the love of art and design of its occupants, as it is the home of art collector and philanthropist Umberta Gnutti Beretta and her family.

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From the very entrance to the space, one is enchanted by the incomparable sophisticated architecture, which invites you to explore with detail and patience the entire studio. **A key element is the chandelier from the Nilufar gallery in Milan**, which hangs above a **shagreen table** made to order by expert craftsmen in France, while of particular interest are two 1950s stools from London gallerist **Dorian Caffot de Fawes**. Wallpaper with leaves adds artistic aesthetics to the space.



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The color scheme chosen for the living room is largely inspired by the palette of the Norwegian artist **Flora Yuknovitch**. An old pair of sofas owned by **Umberta** were given a new lease of life when they were dressed in silk velvet from **Dedar**. Tomèf also chose the floor design, made by **Walking on Wood**.

Impressive is the arrangement of the shelves and the small wardrobe in the living room, which have hidden lighting that gives the furniture depth and refinement. A custom ottoman conceals storage, while the sculptural **Meret Oppenheim Traccia** table stands proudly on an abstract patterned rug.





In the dining room, a Knoll Tulip table and **Saarin** chairs upholstered in **Dedar** fabric and a **Tom Dixon** sconce set a modern tone, offsetting a striking artwork by **Lucio Fontana**.



The kitchen - deliberately separated from the lounge and dining room - is small but functional and has lots of cupboards, black Belgian marble counters and brass utensils, as well as a practical bar where the family eats breakfast.



On the ceiling of the master bedroom, the erotic wallpaper signed by **Pierre Frey** , gives style and humor to the space, while an **Andy Warhol** artwork dominates above the bed . Two paintings from **Andrea Incontri** 's **Le Tipe Umane** flank the bathroom door. Many of the pieces were made in **San Patignano** , a community in northern Italy that offers drug rehabilitation and training in craft skills.





The luxurious bathroom, inspired by the Art Deco style, combines three different marbles, black, pink and beige, all with brass inserts, custom-designed by the **Tomèf** studio . In addition to flooring, marble was also used for architectural details such as architraves, skirting boards and cladding.

Two jewel-like mirrors hide the storage behind them, while the **Bard** and **Brazier** towel rail were chosen to tie in with the brass tones.







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