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 Running similar floor coverings inside and out creates a seamless flow of space if you follow the level and laying pattern.



“In the past we had always bought properties that didn’t need any work at all, but when we first viewed this house it had such a great atmosphere that we were able to see past the dated décor and focus on all the wonderful space it offered,” explains Donna Rix of the four storey Victorian terrace which she and her husband, Julian, purchased in 2004.

**Above: Modern rendered finishes will set a contrasting tone with bare brick, period exterior walls.**

Situated in London’s Wandsworth, the five bedroom property had remained virtually untouched for 20 years. It came complete with flowery wallpaper, lurid tiles and threadbare carpets, but had also retained numerous original features including high ceilings, large windows, feature fireplaces and decorative plasterwork. “When we had Henry, who’s now two-and-a-half, it was the classic story of →

### Project Profile

**Owners:** Donna Rix and Julian Cook  
**Professions:** Lawyer and banker  
**Project:** Kitchen extension  
**Lived in house:** Since 2004  
**Build route:** Main contractor  
**Build Dates:** Jan - July '06  
**Original valuation:** £650,000  
**New valuation:** £1 million  
**COST OF PROJECT: £180,000**  
**ADDED VALUE: £350,000**