



EXTENSIONS

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An extension should provide much needed space but it also needs to feel like it belongs to the rest of the house - both externally and internally.

This requires understanding proportions and dominant lines in the architecture and reflecting these in the new structure.

Even if the new part of the building looks different to the old, ensure the space flows well, for example, use the same floor throughout, this could mean indoors and outdoors as here.

Lighting is key as it draws our attention and shows us 'where to go/look', it can have a huge impact on the success of your extension. Consider speaking to a lighting designer.



Ask yourself:

- Who is going to use this space? How? When? Imagine three different types of day there.
- Where will we eat/sleep/store/display? Create 'zones'.
- How will this new space impact the rest of the house?

Success Factors:

- Materials: oak frame & glass against Chiltern stone
- Lighting to highlight structure and create focal points internally
- A simple decorative colour scheme to harmonise with outdoor
- Investing in elegant, sleek furniture & finishings

"Sourcing the first 5-10 items can be fun but remember, you'll need to specify absolutely everything - from window furniture to grout colour. Be prepared to make decisions." NS

INTERIOR DESIGN TIPS



- Budget an allowance for furniture, storage, lighting and accessories. Create a 'must have' and 'like to have' list. Stick to it.
- This extension contained:
 - Dining table & 8 chairs
 - Bespoke bar unit (all bespoke items designed by NSID)
 - Floor rug & wall rug (good for acoustics)
 - L-shaped sofa & armchair
 - Console & bespoke coffee table
 - Bespoke TV unit
 - Blinds (remote control)
 - Chandelier, floor lights and table lamps
 - Cushions, throw, art, bowls, cups, matching spirits bottles!

"Thanks for all your work designing the room, we absolutely love it and it was a fabulous place for a party on NYE!"

JF, Cirencester

CONTACT NIKI SCHAFER INTERIOR DESIGN

- Design (consultation or project basis)
- Sourcing (all furniture, flooring, lighting & art)
- Project Management

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