



Interiors  
**MAKEOVER**

# VINTAGE VIBE

A rundown double-fronted Victorian property on the south coast has been given a makeover, complemented with period Danish furnishings.

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When Clare Pascoe and her husband Paul decided the time was right to leave London and move to the south coast, they settled upon a rundown double-fronted Victorian property.

Located on the outskirts of Oving, Chichester the house had been poorly renovated, but they saw the potential, seizing the opportunity to sell their Wimbledon home and relocate.

Before moving in, the house was re-wired, re-plumbed, and fitted with a new kitchen, bathroom and flooring throughout. It was then decorated in a neutral scheme, ready for Clare to use her creative talents. She wanted to showcase her vintage contemporary style without losing sight of the original features and Victorian styling.

Transported from their London home, the couple's collection of vintage Danish rosewood furniture, including a wall shelving system, 'loving' bookcase and a small rare sideboard with coveted brass bullet hinges, was carefully positioned in their new surroundings. "This style of furniture is so easy to place and live with," says Clare.

The focal point of the living room is a wood-burning stove, purchased on eBay, standing on a maron marble





## SHOPPING LIST

- Wallpaper** Cole & Son: [cole-and-son.com](http://cole-and-son.com)
- Spray tap** Hansgrohe: [hansgrohe.com](http://hansgrohe.com)
- Instant boiling water tap** Quooker: [quooker.com](http://quooker.com)
- Worktop** Carrara: [carraramarble.co.uk](http://carraramarble.co.uk)
- Teepee tent** Great Little Trading Company: [gltc.co.uk](http://gltc.co.uk)
- Wood-burning stove** Ebay: [eBay.co.uk](http://eBay.co.uk)



hearth. Even on the coldest days, the stove provides most of the heating for the open-plan ground floor due to the generous ceiling and cavity wall insulation. Another feature of the space is the wall of sliding patio doors, allowing light to flood the sitting and dining areas and giving way to stunning views of the long rear garden and its fruit trees.

The imported Italian kitchen is a handle-free design with matt lacquered wood-veneered doors and a horizontal grain to give a contemporary feel. A Hansgrohe spray tap and Quooker boiling water tap are complemented by a Caesarstone composite hob and sink. The island is finished with a Carrara marble slab while extra wide oak planks have been laid on the floor.

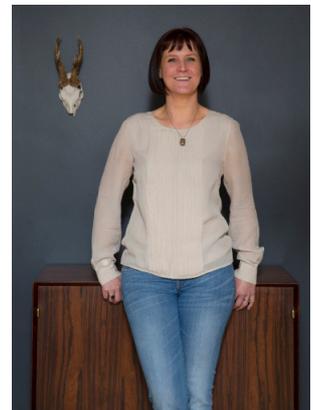
Feature wallpaper from Cole & Son has been used throughout the living room and kitchen, as well as in Clare's daughter Olive's bedroom.

Other cherished items remain in the loft awaiting the couple's master bedroom extension, which they hope to complete in the not-too-distant future. The family love their new life in Oving, never tiring of the endless views across the South Downs.



## MEET THE DESIGNER

Since 2000, Clare Pascoe has offered a comprehensive interior design service from her studio in Oving, West Sussex. Specialising in a signature vintage contemporary style, she sources and imports original mid-century furniture from the UK and around Europe, which is then restored and reupholstered in her studio. Championing British suppliers, Clare offers clients sustainable interior designs that celebrate the best of homegrown industries at reasonable prices. She works directly with homeowners or in collaboration with architects,



bringing award-winning eclectic inspiration to each project. (pascoeinteriors.com)