



My room

ABOUT ME I'm Julia Guess, 49, a designer and co-owner of Inside Job (insidejob-interiors.co.uk), a makeover company. I live with my daughter, Tilly, 18, in a two-bedroom Victorian semi in Guildford, Surrey. We moved in 18 months ago, knowing that the house needed plenty of work.

THE PROBLEM The dining room was dated and uninviting. The fire didn't work and the orangey pine surround clashed with the tiles.

MY WISH LIST A cosy but stylish room to entertain guests and enjoy eating our meals in. I love the quirky look of distressed furniture and we also needed lots of storage to keep the room clutter free.

BEST BUY The laminate flooring which looks exactly like limed oak, and it was only £9 per sq m in the Homebase sale. It's lightened up the space and is hardwearing and really easy to clean.

STYLE TIP Paint your skirting boards a darker colour than the walls. It frames everything and makes the wall colour stand out.



'I didn't like the flooring and the room was quite dark'

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By transforming pine furniture with a lick of paint her dining room into a chic space - now she do



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'Tying bright tassels and ribbons from door knobs and hooks is an easy way to add a hit of colour'



TOTAL
£1,922

Turn over for my
shopping list