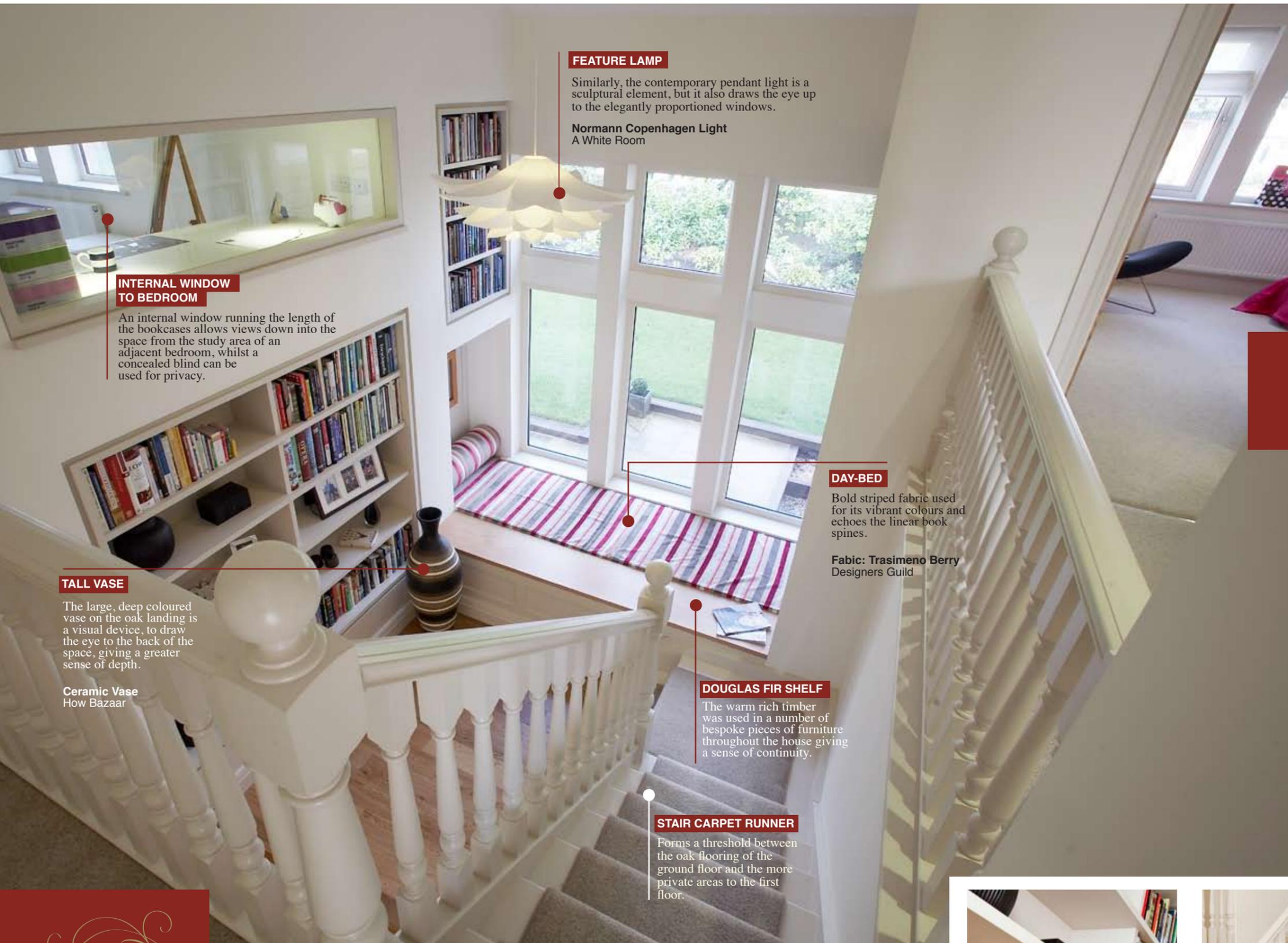


DESIGNER
SECRETS
LIBRARY & LOUNGER



Mark Lee, architectural partner and head of interior design and Emma Cockroft, architect and interior designer at One 17 Design provide an insight into the world of architecture and interior design.

All too often, the entrance hall and staircase in a house are a compromise. Whilst a functional necessity, they can be seen to steal vital space from other rooms, such as the kitchen or lounge, so the staircase is pinched and squeezed into a corner of the house. The layout of the rooms on the ground floor of No 4 is fairly traditional, with the front door opening into a generous hallway, leading to a broad staircase, but internal windows flood the space with light and provide visual connections between the different rooms creating a contemporary open-plan feel. The hallway provides a series of thresholds becoming gradually more private, moving from the bespoke bench in the entrance, to the wide oak staircase leading to the library, and finally onto the carpet of the stairs to the first floor bedrooms. The library, with its bookcases and raspberry striped daybed offers a relaxing place to lounge with a book or magazine under the tall windows looking out onto the garden.



FEATURE LAMP

Similarly, the contemporary pendant light is a sculptural element, but it also draws the eye up to the elegantly proportioned windows.

Normann Copenhagen Light
A White Room

INTERNAL WINDOW TO BEDROOM

An internal window running the length of the bookcases allows views down into the space from the study area of an adjacent bedroom, whilst a concealed blind can be used for privacy.

DAY-BED

Bold striped fabric used for its vibrant colours and echoes the linear book spines.

Fabric: Trasimeno Berry
Designers Guild

TALL VASE

The large, deep coloured vase on the oak landing is a visual device, to draw the eye to the back of the space, giving a greater sense of depth.

Ceramic Vase
How Bazaar

DOUGLAS FIR SHELF

The warm rich timber was used in a number of bespoke pieces of furniture throughout the house giving a sense of continuity.

STAIR CARPET RUNNER

Forms a threshold between the oak flooring of the ground floor and the more private areas to the first floor.

1 BOOKSHELF
Ornaments of different scales, colours and textures are used to provide visual interest.

The shelves provide a fantastic display area for family photographs and collected artifacts.

Bespoke Bookshelf
One17 Design

2 BALLUSTRADES
A traditional spindle was chosen for the staircase but a chunkier section than standard was used to work with the scale of the space.

3 SPACE TO THINK
This space pulls the living areas together and is a pivotal point in the house which whilst being functional also provides a great social space or a spot for some alone-time with a good book.

