



MIDAS TOUCH

Luana Hanson, 47, moved into her three-bedroom Victorian terrace house in xxxxxxxx five years ago and has decorated throughout, starting with the loft and then working her way down.

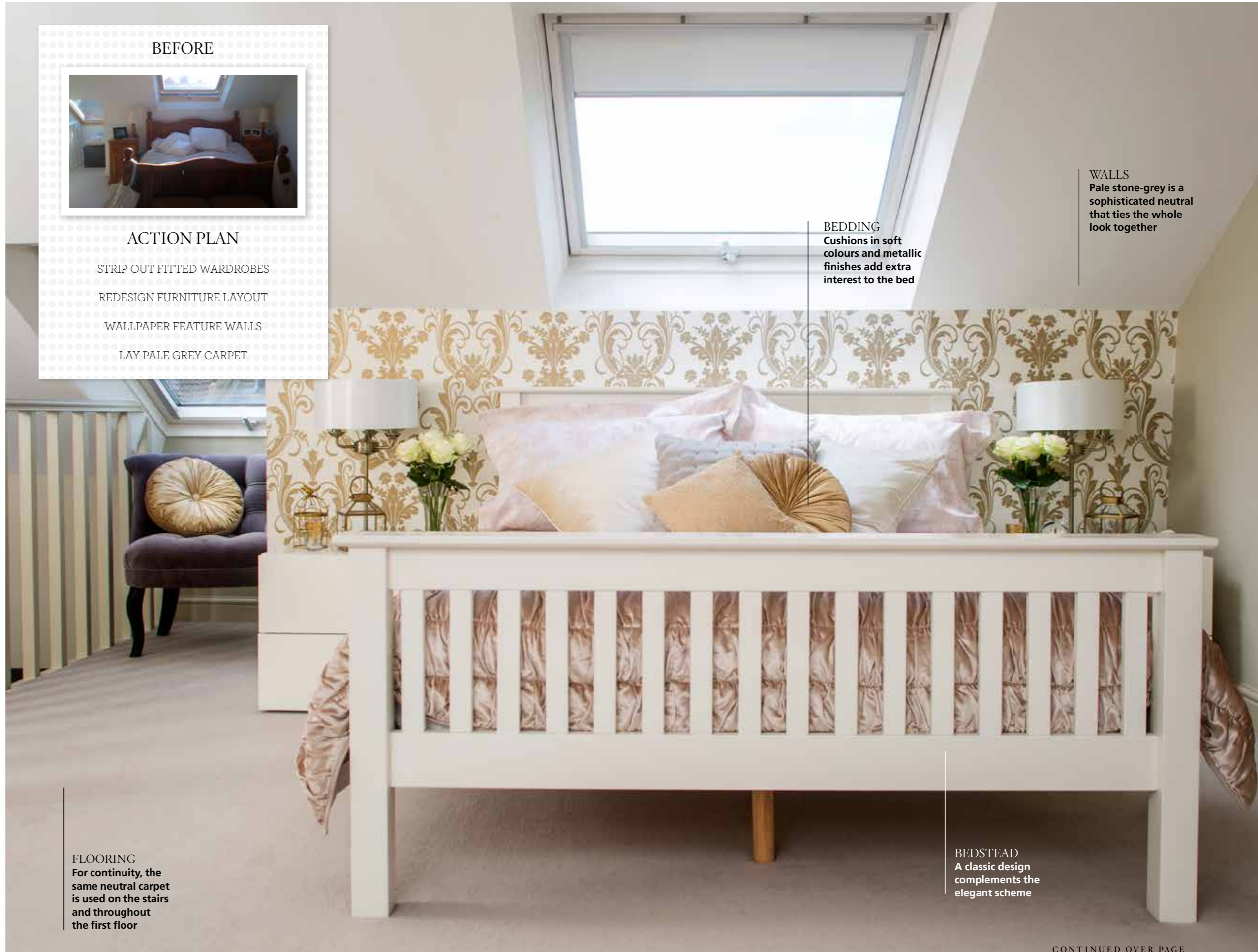
Luana runs her own interior design business and she drew on her depth of decorating knowhow when it came to renovating this attic room.

BEFORE



ACTION PLAN

- STRIP OUT FITTED WARDROBES
- REDESIGN FURNITURE LAYOUT
- WALLPAPER FEATURE WALLS
- LAY PALE GREY CARPET



WALLS
Pale stone-grey is a sophisticated neutral that ties the whole look together

BEDDING
Cushions in soft colours and metallic finishes add extra interest to the bed

FLOORING
For continuity, the same neutral carpet is used on the stairs and throughout the first floor

BEDSTEAD
A classic design complements the elegant scheme

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ENSUITE
All the bathroom needed was a colour update with a coat of dark grey paint on the walls

How much work have you done to the house?

When I moved in, the decoration wasn't to my taste. The first thing I did was paint everywhere white and then over the years I've been working my way through the house updating each room in turn. But I wanted to get going on the loft straight away.

What did you have in mind?

The main intention was to make it much lighter throughout, and to bring a more sophisticated and stylish feel overall.

Describe your inspiration for the scheme

I came across an elegant gold wallpaper and thought it would be a good starting point and a way of adding glamour. Two walls were wallpapered while the other two were painted. After careful thought I decided on a stone-grey shade, which linked well with the wallpaper and could also be used throughout the rest of the house to create a cohesive look.

Tell us about your furniture choices

My priority was to have as much storage as possible while maintaining a minimal look. I found flat-fronted white glossy wardrobes for a really great price and a chest of drawers and bedside tables that match brilliantly alongside. The simple white bed fitted in perfectly as the focal point to the room under the eaves against the gold wallpaper.

Describe the finishing touches

All the accessories are white and gilt. And I made a feature of my Nana's poems, which she wrote for me when I was younger, and mounted them in gilt frames from junk shops.

Is the ensuite new?

The existing bathroom fittings were fine but I painted the walls dark grey to make it more dramatic.

Who did the work?

A decorator came to carry out all the wallpapering work but I managed to tackle all the painting myself.

How do you like the room now?

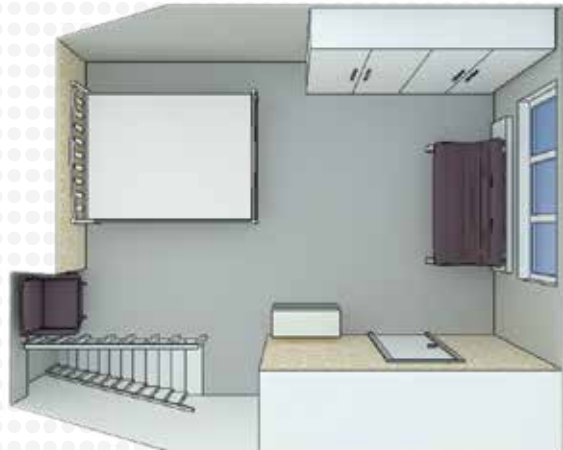
It feels a lot more spacious and light due to the simple layout – it's now a much more restful space.

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THE NEW LAYOUT

To maintain a minimal look, Luana made sure there was plenty of storage



HOUSE BEAUTIFUL SAYS...

'Setting ornate pattern and accessories against glossy white furniture is a great modernising idea.'

GET THE LOOK



Esther **trinket box**, £29.50, Marks & Spencer

Polished brass Pentagonal **tealight holder**, £14, Tesco Home



Tretton **bedside table**, £89.99, My Furniture

WHAT IT COST

Paint	£77
Carpet.....	£682
Furniture.....	£2,687
Seating	£1,050
Total	£4,496

SHOPPING LIST

Walls painted in Light Grey Estate **emulsion**, £39.50 for 2.5L, Farrow & Ball. Bathroom painted in Mercury matt **emulsion**, £38 for 2.5L, Fired Earth. Similar **wallpaper**, Gold Kensington Damask, £20 a roll, B&Q. Wool Rich Deluxe Velvet **carpet** in Silver, £35 a sq metre, Luana Hanson Interiors. Double Classic **bed**, £450, The White Company. Pax **wardrobe**, £843, Ikea. Perouse **chest of drawers**, £795; **bedside cabinets**, £225 each; all Habitat. Circular gloss **stacking tables**, £149 for two, Dwell. Velvet Love tub **seat**, £625; **chair**, £425; **jewellery box**, £28; large gold honeycomb round **vase**, £28; all Oliver Bonas. Foley tailored **quilt cover**, £169; **pillowcases**, £55 for two, Sheridan. Delaney velvet **bedspread**, £175; Sorrento Antique brass **lamp**, £98; Nigella Oyster square velvet **cushion**, £28; James brass finish **tealight lantern**, £15.84; large Petal glass **vase**, £35; all Laura Ashley. Gold round **cushion**, £6, Next. Similar Gold Birdcage **tealight holder**, £14.95, notonthehighstreet.com. Similar Luxe **beaded cushion**, £25; Sandstone Dune **soap dispenser**, £16; Rib Weave **towel**, from £2.50; all John Lewis

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