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a family retreat

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Pinks, greens & stripes
for a 'beach club vibe'

COMFORT FOOD

ONE-POT WINNERS

From red wine short ribs to
chicken broth with matzo balls

Chocolate coffee cake

step by step



Living areas

Create the ultimate multifunctional space for relaxation and entertaining.

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OPEN PLAN

The kitchen, dining area and living room don't feel cramped, thanks to a good flow between the various areas in this open-plan space.

Dining table and chairs from James Mudge Furniture Studio; large woodcut print on the wall by Daniela Mooney for Warren Editions

TOP TIP
Terracotta tiles cut to size make a fresh decorative statement on the chimneybreast. The same tile is repeated in various details throughout the house for coherency.

The ideal TV wall

We love it when a plan comes together! In this living area, both the fireplace and TV take centre stage on the focal wall – perfectly balanced and without the telly mounted above the fireplace, something we always advise against. The large built-in unit was designed by the homeowner and boasts ample storage space in the drawers below and display space on the upper shelf.

The wooden cladding, repeated elsewhere in the home, adds a warm contemporary touch, while the marble slab is not only elegant and luxurious, but also serves as a durable base for the fireplace. >>

ANCHOR YOUR SPACE

No living room is complete without a rug. Keep to the same colour as the floor, if you want your furniture and art to stand out.

Terracotta tiles from Union Tiles; marble slab from Cannata; wooden panelling by Proline & Hardware; rug from Herringbone

ON THE FLOOR

An original terrazzo floor cast in situ is a lovely tactile feature and it works beautifully with the terracotta, marble and wooden elements in the space – all offset by crisp white walls and a white ceiling.