



## EALING, Yoko Kloeden

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After emigrating from Hong Kong to London, one couple sought to transform their 1960s home into a Japanese oasis, reminiscent of their treasured holiday destination. Incorporating as many distinctively Japanese details such as shoji screens and tatami mattresses, Yoko Kloeden was briefed to create a pared-back and wood-cladded envelope. Collaborating with craftspeople who trained in Japan, the project sourced authentic materials from the country. Aiming to design restorative spaces for her clients, creating multipurpose features was integral to the project brief. “We designed a versatile wooden platform

that could be used for yoga or as a futon base for overnight guests,” says Yoko. “The platform included storage for stashing the futon, maximising space and the room’s functionality.”

Yoko used the shoji-paper sliding screens to create a flexible partition for their open-plan space, where the corner room could be a home office or guest bedroom.

## GREENWICH, Murude

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In every home, Murude Katipoglu’s design philosophy is rooted in her Cypriot heritage, where the indoors and outdoors are connected. “Growing up on an island blessed with natural beauty,” she comments. “I strive to create interiors that not only embrace natural light but also foster a strong sense of openness and continuity with the outdoors”.

Visions of pared-back and light decor are what springs to mind when reflecting upon Mediterranean and Cypriot style. For her own home, antiques were integral to the project. Murude explains the special place that antiques and heirlooms hold in Cypriot culture, with many families passing on items. “The patina, texture, and narrative that these antiques bring to a space are invaluable – they add character and a sense of continuity between the past and the present.” Some unusual antiques you’ll find in her home include a 17th century elm sideboard and 19th century arts and crafts mirror. **L**

### HOLDING SPACE

**From top to bottom:** Yoko Kloeden created an airy versatile space for a couple returning from Hong Kong seeking Japanese-style simplicity with sliding screens and fold-away futons; Cypriot designer Murude created an indoor-outdoor feel at home with a palette of luxe neutrals that enhances the property’s natural light sources



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