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## Interior design

The designer's room

South African designer Hubert Zandberg's blend of new and vintage pieces can lend depth and character to any room

Photograph by Darren Chung

**A**FTER graduating from Stellenbosch University, Hubert moved to London, where he worked at Heal's before joining antique dealer and designer David Champion. He established his own practice in 2002 and, today, works on projects around the globe, from Moscow to Ibiza and London to Cape Town.

The client specified that she wanted colour in the bedroom of her London town house, so the designer opted for a silk wallpaper in turquoise. The vibrancy was continued on the bed canopy by using a fabric by Tony Duquette ([www.jimthompsonfabrics.com](http://www.jimthompsonfabrics.com); 020-7368 7700) and in the cushions covered in a variety of fabrics by Alton Brooke ([www.alton-brooke.co.uk](http://www.alton-brooke.co.uk); 020-7376 7008). The bed is bespoke. 'I love the romance of four-poster beds—they're a bit exotic, a bit otherworldly,' he says.

Because the house is listed, there was a limit to what could be changed architecturally, so Hubert has manipulated the space by dividing a *verre églomisé* screen by Nominka D'Albanella and standing each half in the alcoves on either side of the chimney breast. 'I wanted to add a "ping" to the room—the screens add depth and movement without taking centre stage.'

Bedside tables were rescued from a jeweller's in Madrid and ebonised and an existing bench was reupholstered in a metallic fabric to add a touch of rock 'n' roll. Sumptuous velvet curtains in chocolate brown turn down the colour volume, but introduce another layer of texture. 'Juxtaposing colours and pattern is great, but you still need to know when to pull back, otherwise the room can turn into a cacophony.'

Arabella Youens

Hubert Zandberg Interiors (020-8962 2776; [www.hzinteriors.com](http://www.hzinteriors.com))



## Interiors



Abacus Relief vase, £58, Jonathan Adler (<http://uk.jonathanadler.com>; 020-7589 9563)



Aurelia velvet cushion, £125, Liberty ([www.libertylondon.com](http://www.libertylondon.com); 020-7734 1234)



Tetro radiator in Volcanic finish, £954, Bisque ([www.bisque.co.uk](http://www.bisque.co.uk); 020-7328 2225)



Manila Hemp Turquoise 5276 wall-covering, from £40 per linear metre, Phillip Jeffries ([www.phillipjeffries.com](http://www.phillipjeffries.com); 020-7351 3333)

## Rich pickings

Inspired by the interiors style of Hubert Zandberg, Amelia Thorpe suggests furniture, fabric, wallpaper and accessories that will create a similarly opulent feel



Dune Teal hand-knotted rug, £848 per sq m, Bazaar Velvet (020-7736 9693; [www.bazaarvelvet.com](http://www.bazaarvelvet.com))



Appenzell ottoman, £1,320 plus fabric, Oficina Inglesa (020-7226 4569; [www.oficinainglesa.com](http://www.oficinainglesa.com))



Canton Absolute Matte Emulsion, £42 per 2.5 litres, Little Greene (020-7935 8844; [www.littlegreene.com](http://www.littlegreene.com))



Calabash lamp in teal with Empire shade, £145, OKA (03330 042042; [www.oka.com](http://www.oka.com))



Palmeral de Beauvoir screen, £3,245, House of Hackney (020-7739 3273; [www.houseofhackney.com](http://www.houseofhackney.com))



Keraton carved four-poster bed, £1,995, Lombok ([www.lombok.co.uk](http://www.lombok.co.uk); 020-7352 5791)