

**I am delighted to provide this testimonial on the services of
Nick Prescott from Style Within.**

He transformed my property from one showing years of neglect to an amazing contemporary home. He carried out the project on schedule and within the budget that we agreed. This was an expensive undertaking for me but I am completely thrilled with the result. I am very busy at work, yet was comfortable just to let Nick get on with it; he saved me significantly on time and money and has produced a home that I can now enjoy. I have an "engineer's eye" for things, and was reassured to see that Nick's attention to detail was similar to mine; the quality of finish is exceptional. I look forward to working with him again when finances permit!

I had lived in the property for 20 years and it had remained drab and unfinished for much of that time, due to demands on my time professionally and socially. I tried decorating but found it depressingly slow and ended up not doing very much at all. I decided to get some professional help and found Nick on the web. It was the first time in my life I had selected anyone in the building/renovation field without a recommendation or reference, and it was the professionalism of his website and my initial conversations with Nick that persuaded me he was the right person for the job. Subsequent events have shown I made absolutely the right decision, and he should be rightfully proud of the job he did on my behalf.

Actually, I was undecided whether to stay in the house and do it up, or to move. Initially, I asked Nick to put together some ballpark figures to renovate the property. I then did my sums, and concluded that I should stay put.

Nick produced various designs to help me see how the house could be remodelled. Given the financial commitment, I decided not to proceed with a loft conversion in phase 1 nor to pursue an extended kitchen / diner. Instead, I wanted to focus on installing a high spec bathroom on the first floor, a utility room on the ground floor and extensive decoration and furnishing of several of the other rooms. I also wanted to excavate part of the high level garden to improve access to the rear of the property and to lay a smart new patio.

Nick and I worked together to agree my requirement. He turned this into a specification and invited competitive tenders. All contractors presented similar quotations but one emerged as the favourite and undertook the work. With the fixed price there were no unexpected increases on the baseline cost. Occasionally, I asked for additions which Nick negotiated with the contractor. By managing the finances so tightly, and trading requirements in and out, he helped me to budget for additional work on the garden, and other enhancements that I wanted.

Nick kept me updated regularly with progress on the building work and we met frequently to finalise colours, fabrics, lights and other decorative features, looking ahead to furnishing and equipping the home. I think it fair to say that I was fairly conservative in my views on decoration, and was concerned initially with some of the vivid colours and ideas being proposed. However, Nick was able to demonstrate the magnificent overall effect, to the point where I found myself wanting more. One example was his suggestion that I have dining chairs each of a different colour; the concept was completely new to me, but we looked at previous examples, and when we put together the sample board with combinations of fabric colours, the effect was really striking. All of my guests think this unique dining room is exquisite.

I also have to mention the new bathroom. I now have a fantastic rain shower in a large enclosure, along with a free-standing bath, underfloor heating and quality fittings. Flexible lighting offers various options to enjoy the experience further.

After the main building work was completed Nick then supplied all the blinds, carpets, table lamps and other furnishings, including colourful planters for architectural plants on the new patio – all illuminated. He had designed a number of bespoke units and had them produced by a local furniture maker. He advised on the rug that I wanted and oversaw delivery of a reclining sofa and armchair, for which he secured an additional discount for me from the supplier. Having fitted all the cabling as part of the main works, I wanted to find a high end audio visual system; Nick introduced me to his regular supplier, accompanying me to the demonstration room and experimenting with various combinations of equipment. The surround sound system is certainly spectacular, as is the quality of the networked audio system around the house.

Nick also introduced me to an artist from whom I commissioned 3 original large abstract paintings at very affordable prices. He worked with us to identify the design and colours for each, and they are absolutely phenomenal. Nick also had the foresight to install wall washers in the ceiling to illuminate these paintings and bring them to life

I need to pinch myself at times to see the place as it is now, remembering what it was like for so many years. I am more than happy for Nick to show it off to prospective clients. It really is spectacular, and it would be gratifying for me to hear when others benefit from the high levels of professional advice and service that Nick has brought to my home.



Steve

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