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25 Beautiful Homes: August 2007

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1 Harry's bedroom

The bedding, curtains and coordinating wall paint all came from Laura Ashley (0871 230 2301)

2 Master en suite

All the bathware was sourced and installed by Bishop's UK (01892 520552)

3 Master bedroom

Marks & Spencer (0845 302 1234) supplied the bed linen. The bedside tables are from Maison (01892 547755)



when you've got kids and their friends dashing in and out all the time.'

To create continuity, the theme of neutral wall colours is carried through from downstairs to the main upstairs rooms – particularly in the master bedroom where Mandy chose a scheme incorporating calm and co-ordinating colours. 'In the bedroom, if nowhere else, it's important to create an air of serenity,' she says.

To all intents and purposes the house looks finished, but Mandy has further plans. 'I'd like to build an orangery backing onto the kitchen to create a bigger area for relaxing as well as socialising,' she says. But that's in the future; for now all the family are content with the space they have. 'I didn't realise how happy the kids were here until recently, when I told Harry I'd seen a house for sale that looked lovely from the outside. "But Mum," he said, "we can't move from this house, it's perfect." After that, how could we ever leave?' ■



Inspired buys

A conservatory like the Lawsons' will create extra space, open up your home and also serve as a link between house and garden. Here is our pick of the best

Conservatory with roof lantern, from £35,000. Malbrook Conservatories (020 8780 5522, malbrook.co.uk).



Kitchen conservatory, from around £47,000. Marston & Langer (020 7881 5700, marston-and-langer.com).



Spacious glass kitchen extension, featuring folding, sliding doors, from £30,000. Apropos Tectonic (0161 342 8200, apropos-tectonic.com).