

Two Contemporary Extensions



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Details Renovation and extension, London, 2005
Project Cost £450,000
Designer Granit Architects (020 7924 4555)

This Edwardian house in Clapham, London, was in need of modernisation when the owners bought it. As a young, growing family, their brief was for more space and a modern yet homey design, whilst retaining the original period features of the house. A new extension to the rear forms a light-filled kitchen, dining and garden room. A glass roof strip has been built above the kitchen to allow light into the centre of the house. The extension also features frameless glass doors leading out into the garden. In addition, the loft has now been turned into an additional bedroom, bathroom and office space.

At the heart of the building, a three storey glass atrium links the old and new

sections of the house and acts as a main living area.

As well as using the roof space, the owners have also gone below ground to create a wine cellar. Designed and installed by Spiral Cellars, the cylindrical wine cellar required no planning permission and only needed a space of 2m². "We initially thought of putting in an underpinned basement," said the owners, "but then realised all we needed the basement for was to store wine. We saw an example of another property with a Spiral Cellar which we liked, and it worked out to be much more favourable on cost." Prices for spiral cellars start at £14,500. For further information call 0845 241 2768 (spiralcellars.com).



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Details Extension, London, 2007
Project Cost Not revealed
Designer William Tozer (020 7734 6055)

In order to extend this Victorian house, the end wall of the rear section of the property has been removed, allowing for an extension out into the garden, with a glazed section bringing light in and giving views out. A striking run of folding sliding doors open out from the new, minimalist kitchen – complete with polished concrete floors and white painted brickwork – onto a spacious contemporary decked area.

The house is now full of interesting spaces, with the new extension – separated from the existing house by a slot of obscured glazing – enclosing a courtyard between itself and the main house. Various changes in floor level also creates distinction between 'zones' in the home. ▶

