



A TESTING GROUND FOR A STUDIO'S ECLECTIC STYLE

Highbury Apartment · Holloway Li · London, United Kingdom

Inspired by the local London vernacular of fast-food joints, the “kebab-shop kitchen” is a sleek stainless-steel design that lines one wall of an open-plan living space (which also features a bathtub). The design studio Holloway Li has used this apartment as a testing ground for its ideas. The scheme establishes a comfortable transition from old to new; though resolutely contemporary, the apartment retains several original Victorian features, such as the butterfly roof in the living room and plaster moldings in the entryway. At the same time, the convergence of high and low culture is in evidence. The color palette is brash, with moldings painted in a rich blue, and though the kitchen evokes memories of a good night out on the town, its curved backsplash lends the design an elegance that finds echoes in the sculptural limestone skirting that lines the room. Holloway Li’s furnishings populate the apartment, including a striking resin dining table and its bulbous T4 chair.