



ABOVE: Bed painted in Farrow & Ball parma grey and hague blue, www.farrow-ball.com Customised wood bed and knobs from Camden, London. Antique baccarra rug from Country & Eastern, Norwich, 01603 663890. Bedside lamps from Ikea, www.ikea.com Georgian bedside tables, Holt Antiques Centre, Holt, 01263 712097. Bedspread and hot red cushions, Harvey Nichols, London, 020 7235 5000. Bedroom balcony in iroko wood by Riverside Joinery, Norwich, 01603 624858. Glass balustrade panels, Contract Glass, Norwich, 01603 763076.

I put on some music and try to do one and a half hours.”

The last room, a wet room, is again stylish with a glass bricks window, top range power shower, designer basin and even a loo with hydraulic seat closing. Robert’s design is very graphic and cubist, with black/grey tiling, trendy radiator and modern mirror. Silhouetted against the window is a bronze whippet from the 1920s found at one of the guys’ regular haunts, Lassco Renovation Yard, in London. Another bronze of The Dying Gaul is displayed on one of the shelves, as is an attractive urn found at Stiffkey lamp shop.

Upstairs there are three rooms. One, the master bedroom, is in total contrast to every other room in the property. The walls are painted in a deep grey-blue and the bed in a light grey-blue. “I wanted just one room that was totally unexpected,” says Robert, “totally different to the rest. The deep colour

gives a feeling of enclosure and rest which works so well, but open the shutters and once again the outside comes in, as I have designed a large balcony, big enough for a table and chairs, so you could have morning coffee or breakfast overlooking our fantastic view. A great way to start the day.

“If there’s a tip I can pass on,” he adds, “think carefully about your living space, how you are going to use it and how to furnish it – work with the space and the light and if in doubt employ a professional interior designer. Remember, what you are doing is generally long-term so get it right first time. For example, I have paid a lot of attention to lighting, to create different moods, using lots of different sources.”

Looking back at the house from the river, the exterior is slightly reminiscent of a boathouse, an aspect Robert wanted to show in his design, and the building



Mink coloured large block tiles and white geometric tiles from Porcelanosa, Norwich, 01603 789363.

Wall mounted shower with massage jets from Aktual, Spain.

Wall-hung sink from Bathstore, Norwich, 01603 760666. Glass bricks window and shower glass wall panel, Contract Glass, Norwich, 01603 763076.