

EXTREME TRANSFORMATIONS



BEFORE

1960s nightmare
The original house was dated and dreary, with mismatched bricks, a low pitched roof and a large dormer window



Use render and cladding to cover ugly bricks

Modern makeover
The house is unrecognisable – the roof has been raised and turned around, the dormer is gone, the exterior has been clad and a carport has been added

From mundane look...

Changing the direction and pitch of the roof on this tired 1960s house was the start of a dramatic transformation that updated it by decades

to modern masterpiece

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THE PROPERTY

A four-bedroom 1960s detached house in Gosport, Hampshire, bought in 2005.

WHO LIVES HERE

Lisa and Anthony Short, their son, George, 17, and daughter, Charlie, 15. Anthony is an electrician and Lisa does his paperwork and book-keeping.

WHAT THEY DID

The couple redesigned the house by adding two extensions and replacing the original roof with a striking split design with oversized eaves. They also changed the old windows to aluminium ones, clad half of the front of the house in cedar and rendered the other half and the

back. The finishing touch was a carport that matches the new roof.

WHAT IT COST

They bought the house for £265,000, spent £95,000 on the extensions and exterior makeover, including around £9,000 for the new roof and carport. The house is now worth more than £400,000.

When Lisa and Anthony Short bought their uninspiring four-bedroom 1960s detached house in Gosport, Hampshire, in 2005, they knew that the deep pitched roof would have to go. 'We wanted a contemporary family home, and the old roof just wouldn't have looked right,' says Lisa. 'It didn't need replacing, but without changing it, we wouldn't have got the look we wanted.'

Lisa and Anthony approached local company Space & Style Home Design to radically reinvent their home, both inside and out. As well as adding extensions to the side and back of the house, they suggested changing the direction of the roof, creating a staggered design with a shallow pitch and oversized eaves, and a matching carport,

which almost appears to float in midair. Once planning permission was granted, the work began, but the family didn't move out.

'We stayed in the house, even when the old roof had been ripped off and the void was covered in tarpaulin,' says Lisa. 'It was January, so we were freezing and would lie awake at night praying that it wouldn't rain. Luckily, we got away with it.'

With the old roof and dormer window removed, the walls were rendered and clad in cedar and then built up to support the new roof. A carpenter created the unusual split design, and a roofer laid new concrete tiles. 'It looks complicated, but it's actually a conventional roof assembled in a different way,' says Anthony, 'and it only took a couple of weeks to do.' Incredibly, the cost of all this work, including the carport, was just £9,000.

'Not only does it give the house a dramatic new look, but changing the roof pitch has also altered the interior,' says Lisa. 'Two of the bedrooms now have high vaulted ceilings, which are a lovely feature. We were amazed at just how much we could achieve on a fairly tight budget.'



Rear windows
The back of the house has been extended and updated, with smart white rendering and three sets of patio doors opening onto the garden



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