

THE BIG PICTURE

HR consultant Lorna Chudleigh lives in her 1930s Bramhall home with her husband and children. Lorna owns Inspired People Network, a talent management consultancy that supports businesses in assessing and developing individuals. 'I often work from home so having somewhere cosy to retreat to in the evening was important, but I couldn't decide on the look for what was previously a cold, uninviting room. I am fortunate to have Caroline Firth, a local interior designer, as a friend, and called on her to help. We now have a room that is welcoming with a few quirky personal touches!'



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Lorna Chudleigh, Big Picture in Bramhall

1 Bookcase wallpaper We love this 'Genuine Fake Bookshelf' wallpaper by York-based artist Deborah Bowness; it's quirky and original. We wanted the room to feel dark and dramatic so this wallpaper was the perfect starting point. It also reflects our love of books, especially travel guides. My decorator nearly had a breakdown when I handed it over though, with the warning that it was not cheap and he had only the one roll, so better get it right first time!



2 Yellow chairs The chairs bring a lovely 'pop' of colour into a moody scheme. I love yellow and the way the chairs bring sunshine into the room all year round.

3 Woodburning stove With three young children, we like to spend time together in this room and the fire is a wonderful addition to our family movie nights. It's kept going all day and every evening and provides light, warmth and a real sense of home to the room.

4 Cowhide We were a bit sceptical of Caroline's choice of a cowhide initially, but we absolutely love it now as it goes well with the leather sofas we already had and wanted to keep. Its organic shape brings movement and energy into the room. My husband really likes the rug and has actually named it Daisy!

5 Oil painting This has great sentimental value to us. It was painted by Pierre Begué, a French friend of ours, who drew this image of Wollaton Park near

my childhood home in Nottinghamshire for my 30th birthday. We love the bright happy colours, especially the yellow, which we decided to pick out for the rest of the room.

6 Fresh flowers While this room is cosy in winter, fresh flowers from the fabulous florists Bramhall Flowers make a vibrant, modern addition and I always have something seasonal in here. ♦
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