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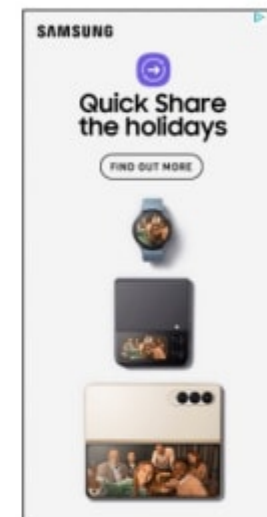
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My Happy Home: Whinnie Williams

The interior designer, presenter and singer talks about vintage buys, painting ceilings and Christmas memories.

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As part of our interview series, *My Happy Home*, we sit down with Whinnie Williams to find out about her decorating plans for her first Christmas in her new home — and whose house she'd like to have a snoop around, given the chance.

Jade Williams, known professionally as Whinnie Williams, is a British singer, interior designer and founder of the interiors brand *Poodle & Blonde*, alongside Kierra Campbell. You may have also seen her on your screens on BBC Three's *Flair Our Fabulous* or as one of the designers on the second series of Channel 4's *Changing Rooms* reboot.

Whinnie has recently moved from a 1970s location house in Margate to the nearby Kent countryside with her husband Tom, and a group of animals. Described as 'where English eccentricity meets Hollywood glamour', the couple plan to renovate their new home — a 1950s English bungalow-on-stilts nicknamed Follywood — into a unique destination for shoots and creativity.



Tell us about your favourite memory at home

WHI I've just got a new kitten and it's really reminded me of when I was a kid. I think I was about five years old and my mum bought two kittens and one of them looks identical to the new one that I just got. She actually put them in a cardboard box, with the cardboard box hanging out of the fireplace. And we got up on Christmas morning, like Father Christmas has brought us something, we opened it and there were these two little kittens with ribbons on them. It's just really in my mind at the moment because we've got this new kitten and that was such a fond memory. Our new kitten's name is Magnus, which is a power station in Wales. My husband is obsessed with power stations.



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There is 'magic in awkwardness' when it comes to decor according to the presenter (Picture: Supplied/Metro.co.uk)

Inspiration for the home can come from many places – glossy magazines, sassy architectural shows, or that favourite boutique hotel.

For Whinnie Williams, the interior designer who is the new face of Channel 4's Changing Rooms, it was in the exotic world of perms and blue-rinse.

'The inspiration for my whole house came from a trip to Venice when I looked in an old ladies' hairdressers, and I thought: that's what I want my house to look like,' she says of the three-storey Victorian townhouse in Margate, which has been used for music videos and film shoots.

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AFTER Davina McCall backed out of hosting Channel 4's Changing Rooms reboot, Anna Richardson has quit the show.

She hosted the return of the interior design favourite but – like [Davina](#), who was initially slated to host – [Anna](#) says filming commitments mean she cannot do this summer's follow-up series.



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