

Country House

BELOW STAIRS

Sculleries, boot, laundry and flower rooms are vital cogs in the engine of a country house. Historically they were the domain of domestic staff, separated from the rest of the house by staircases and green baize doors. But today they are just as likely to be closely positioned (and aesthetically aligned) to the main living areas. ELIZABETH METCALFE discovers some beautiful examples that have turned the idea of back of house into object of desire



In this Cotswold boot room, interior designer Rosanna Bossom has combined built-in joinery – painted in ‘The Long Room’ by Paint & Paper Library – with an antique table to create a layered feel. The numbered hooks correspond with the bedrooms – ideal for when you have weekend guests to stay. rosannabossom.co.uk