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Bland, tired and boxy, the bedroom in Susanna's seaside flat was in desperate need of a facelift

'Now there's space for everything'

A dated sixties scheme has been transformed into a serene, modern bedroom

When Susanna Monaighan began flat-hunting in Brighton, East Sussex, she hadn't considered living in a purpose-built block. But she was won over by this 1960s two-bed apartment as it has views of the sea, even though every room needed work.

Susanna wanted the luxury of having a freestanding bath in her bedroom, like one she had seen while staying in a boutique hotel. She also wanted a predominantly white space that could be accessorised with texture and neutral tones, and called upon local interior design company, Refresh, to help her develop her ideas.

A little space was taken from the bathroom next door to create the bath area. Pipework was extended over the concrete floor and a raised platform created for the bath to sit on.

Storage was very important and Susanna fell in love with the simple glossy wardrobes from Sharps and chose not to have handles. 'I love the simplicity of the push-catch doors, and with those cupboards and the bathroom storage, I can keep all my bedding, towels and toiletries tidy and out of sight,' she says.



Susanna Monaighan, 40, lives in Brighton

In more detail

Upholstery
The bed is upholstered in faux suede, which gives a modern look with a touch of softness.

Flooring
Varnished birch plywood panels add warmth to the white room.

Rugs
Sheepskin adds warmth and texture underfoot.

Blinds
A black-out roller blind provides total

darkness at night, and gives an uncluttered finish to the window.

Bedside tables
The unusual round cabinets have space-saving sliding doors.

Lighting
A simple glass pendant is a chic, contemporary solution to a low-ceilinged room where a chandelier would be a problem.



I can't wait to get in the bath at the end of the day. It's so relaxing, and my bed is very comfortable. I'm in heaven, says Susanna



▲ Decorative wall ornaments

Even though they're in the same colour as the wall, the chunky letters make a striking focal point for the bedroom.

▶ Wardrobe doors

A push-catch mechanism means the doors, which are from the glossy Metropolitan range at Sharps, open at a touch. This design is also available with long handles.



What it cost	
Paint	£171.98
Flooring	£510.45
Wardrobes	£3201
Bed	£2285
Bedside tables	£108
Bathroom cupboards	£1070
Bath and taps	£1320
Basin and taps	£260
Blind	£192
TOTAL	£9118.43