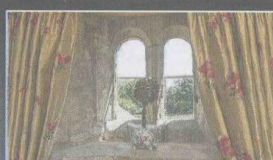




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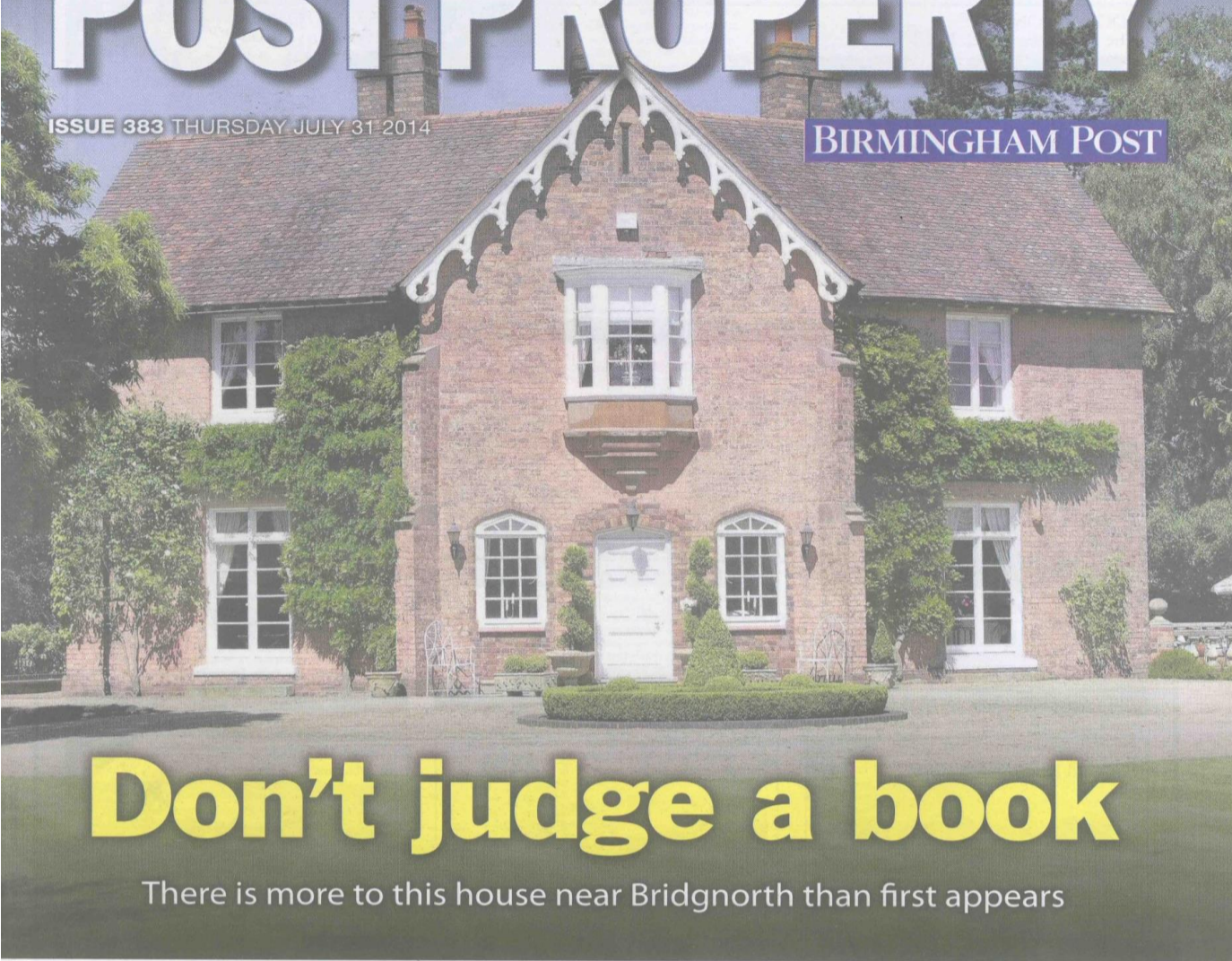
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## PROPERTY EXPERT

# Utilise hidden spaces to make the most of rooms

Rebecca Tucker, from Suna Interior Design, who styled the show homes at Crest Nicholson's Park Central in Birmingham, shares her tips for making the most of space in city centre apartments



Rebecca Tucker, of Suna Interior Design

One of the biggest challenges for any new homeowner is how to make the most of the space.

This is particularly true for those people moving into city centre apartments and smaller homes.

When moving in the key is to walk into each room and assess the space. Take into account what you own and consider your lifestyle: will you need additional clothing storage or an area to work? Or do you do lots of entertaining?

By deciding what is relevant to your lifestyle you will be a step closer to planning your living space.

With city centre apartments, less can often be more. Packing a room full of furniture can make your home feel smaller and more cluttered.

Choosing one or two key statement pieces will allow you to make an impact

while still retaining the feeling of space in a property.

Pick items that can be used for more than one function, for instance your dining table could also be a desk or an entertainment space.

Space is often at a premium for city dwellers. When furnishing your new apartment find the hidden spaces, such as gaps above the wardrobe or space under the bed, and use these areas as additional storage to keep everything neat and tidy.

There is a wide selection of storage available these days, from wicker baskets to kists to stylish boxes.

When choosing your colour scheme, opt for lighter base tones – such as white, cream or pale grey – then add splashes of colour.

At the show apartment at Crest Nicholson's Park Central development, the living

room comprises pale grey walls, with a white tree motif on one wall and an oversized statement mirror opposite it.

Mirrors are a great way to create the illusion of a bigger room. Whether you choose a large feature mirror to cover an entire wall or mirrored furniture, both will reflect light around the room and create the effect of a larger space.

To bring colour into the show apartment, there is a pair of green Barcelona chairs.

The colour green is echoed through the green cushions and throws on the sofa and the green table dressing, echoing the green parkland that surrounds Park Central.

Don't rush into buying furniture and throwing paint on the walls as soon as you move in. Instead take your time to consider the space, plan how you want to use it and choose the furniture that will help you do so.