



PERFECT LOOK The dining area has a view of the mountains



RELAXED Valerii and Elena Popelnykh with their twin boys

delighted with the family chalet, as the look is exactly what she wanted to create.

She added: "Our chalet is of contemporary style but to create the mountain spirit, we decided to have some rustic things at home.

"Together with the unique-style chairs, it makes the composition, as though you are somewhere in the ancient castle of Sion.

"Also, the fabrics on the chairs are all different and were sourced to fit in with the theme that works well in the wonderful light you get in the Alps.

"It's a wonderful place to sit and enjoy a family meal after a day enjoying the slopes."

One of Elena's favourite rooms in the chalet is the bedroom belonging to her two-year-old twin boys.

She added: "Our children are the main thing in our life. This room is suitable for very little ones and also teenagers and adults. The chalet is our second home and we spend our best time, although for a short period, in the mountains.

"And the children grow up faster than we can change the furniture for them. The bedspreads show animal prints and reindegr furs. It fits the theme perfectly."

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Gilly added: "After six months of hard work, Elena's home is sophisticated, comfortable and unique. The devil is in the detail, such as the chess set we have placed on the table in the living room.

"It's full of character and it's the sort of place you would want to relax.

"The area is also fantastic, as you can fly to Geneva direct from Glasgow. There is also walking and golfing nearby. It's a fantastic location."



DESIGNER Gilly Corkery

CHALET CHIC

old-fashioned charm to transform a family's second home in the Swiss Alps

PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT

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What: Four-bedroom townhouse. Where: Braehead Crescent, Barnton. How much: Offers in region of £299,995. What's the deal: A townhouse with a hallway, a modern kitchen, a WC and a dining room that provides access to the rear garden. On the first floor, there is a spacious lounge, master bedroom and an en-suite shower room. The second floor has three double bedrooms, a large study and family bathroom. Contact: McEwan Fraser Legal, 0131 265 2054.



What: Two-bedroom flat.
Where: Lochrin Place, Tollcross.
How much: Offers over £170,000.
What's the deal: A modernised and spacious second-floor flat that retains original features. It has a large dining kitchen and luxury bathroom with separate shower and double-ended bath. It also has a spacious hall, bay windowed sitting room, modern dining kitchen, double bedroom, bedroom/study and stylish bathroom.
Contact: Lindsays, 0131 265 2061.



What: Two-bedroom house.
Where: Crewe Crescent, Pilton.
How much: Offers over £120,000.
What's the deal: This lower villa has a lounge/kitchen/dining room with French windows to a private decked area, two double bedrooms, box room, inner hallway that could potentially be used as a dining or study area and a bathroom of good proportions. It has been refurbished to include gas central heating and double glazing. There is also parking for two cars.
Contact: Your Move, 0131 265 2051.