

Behind the scenes

BE THE FIRST TO VISIT A TV GRAND DESIGN!

Ever fancied snooping around one of the houses from the Grand Designs TV series? Well here's your chance. While it's always fun to see the projects being built on TV, for the first time ever the general public will be allowed to go inside some of the most intriguing Grand Designs houses, as well as finalists from the Grand Design Awards during one weekend in May. The event will be filmed and made into a programme to be shown on Channel 4 later this year. One pair of Grand Designers who will be flinging open their doors will be Sarah and Bill Bradley from last year's TV series, who built their glass and timber framed house on an unusual plot, sandwiched between two rows of houses, in south London. Get to the front of the queue! For more information, go to channel4.com/4homes



We love... Egglings!

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From the building site

Justin and Larissa Hardy are in the process of renovating an eighteenth-century timber-framed barn into a contemporary home for their four children, Sam, Ludo, Nico and Summer.

Why did you pick a barn?

We wanted to move to the country from London. The barn was larger than anything else within our price range: it had been converted into a dwelling 50 years ago but was in desperate need of modernisation, and we were so excited by the possibilities.

What was your inspiration?

The site has two acres of land so we wanted to make the most of the views. Our architect, David Nossiter (davidnossiter.com), was brilliant and designed a series of long window spaces showing the landscape and beyond.

Any complications?

Eighteen months spent in rented accommodation and then a B&B during the build wasn't ideal! Also, the plasterers came from Tewkesbury and were stranded by flooding during the worst weather in 2007. We managed to overcome the delay by focusing all our



efforts on making the main living area habitable before the guest wing.

Top tip?

Make sure you have a team of professionals on board and an architect who understands your needs. We also employed a cost consultant, so the final sum wasn't a nasty shock.

Top product?

The Domus range of doors from Rationel (rationel.co.uk). They're fantastic chunky, sliding doors that are really thermally efficient. The space just wouldn't be the same without them.



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Win... one of five pairs of tickets to the Richard Rogers exhibition at the Design Museum



As one of Britain's most influential architects, Richard Rogers and his practice have designed some of the world's most high-profile projects, including the Pompidou Centre in Paris, the Millennium Dome and Heathrow's Terminal 5. We have five pairs of tickets, worth £17 per pair, to give away courtesy of London's Design Museum for their exhibition on Rogers, *From the House to the City*, which runs from 24 April to 25 August. For further details, visit designmuseum.org.

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