

My Haven

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The TV presenter, 49, co-host of new game show *Bigheads*, in her bedroom at her Georgian house in Cheshire

1 MINI MASTERPIECE

I live here with my fiancé Martin and my daughters Connie, 16, and Pollyanna, eight. The house is always full of people but if it gets a bit much I come here to my haven. Amazingly, Connie did this painting. I came across some pictures hidden in her room so I had some framed. Her work's very abstract, and this one's acrylic on canvas. The other picture is by Mr EwokOne, a graffiti artist a bit like an American Banksy. We got to know him when we spent summers in New York where Martin was living, and he gave it to us.

2 SECRET DRAWER

I had a tough time after my marriage ended in 2009 and I never thought I'd find someone else. But then I met Martin, who's a sports therapist, in 2010. He's the most romantic man I've ever met and this drawer – my Secret Drawer – is full of handmade cards and notes he's given me over the years. My girlfriends are envious and my male friends tell him to stop because it sets the bar too high!

3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MA'AM!

I presented five nights of events for the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations in front of 10,000 people at Windsor Castle last summer, and everyone who worked on it was given one of these specially commissioned commemorative books. This picture of me meeting Princess Anne is inside. And the chiffon dress I'm wearing on the bed here is by Maria Grachvogel, who usually dresses A-list stars. She gave it to me for the event and I loved it so much I bought it!



4 LOVE THAT NEVER DIES

This photo of my parents – Les, 89, and Myra, 84 – was taken on their wedding day in Cape Town 60 years ago. They're from South Africa but emigrated here soon after getting married, and I was brought up in Essex. Though my marriage to my daughters' dad, Toby, ended in divorce eight years ago, I still have faith in marriage and my parents are the most perfect role models for my girls and me. They're two peas in a pod and still very much in love. They're a living example that marriage can work.



5 ELSA THE RESCUE DOG

I often come up here and relax with our rescue dog Elsa, a three-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier-cross. We got her 18 months ago after I finally gave in to Martin and the kids. I had a sad experience when I was seven – my family got a puppy but my sister Lesley, who was 14, was allergic. One day the puppy was there, the next my parents had given it back. So getting Elsa is lovely – and the good news is Lesley's been to stay and she's not allergic to her at all!

6 BEST SEAT

I call this my Brooklyn chair because I discovered it in an antiques warehouse in New York a few years ago. Martin was living there when we met and the girls and I would go and stay for six weeks over the summer. We loved hunting through all the thrift shops and this chair feels quite stately and reminds me of fun times. It only cost £250, but probably double that to re-cover and ship back home. I sit in it when I escape to my bedroom and gaze out of the big sash windows.

As told to Rob McGibbon. Jenny co-hosts *Bigheads*, Sundays at 7pm on ITV.

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