



house.' It also allowed her to indulge her love of antique French linen and textiles which she sourced herself from markets in France.

The result is a cottage that gives luxury a new definition – the luxury is in Barrett's masterful planning, the quality of his spaces, and Gunter's peaceful and personal decor. The luxury is also found in the understatement where everything is played down in contrast to the exceptional surroundings and the bright, bright blue of the lagoon. 'It's the polar opposite of bling,' the owner says with a laugh. ■

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**ABOVE** The main bedroom: unlined curtains, a slip-covered chair, and an elegant four-poster set the tone **RIGHT** Gunter framed the shower screen with bamboo to stop children running into it

