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SEAN SYMINGTON, Sean Symington Design



WRAP AROUND

When a room lacks any natural light, it presents a good opportunity to embrace strong colours. This TV room lies in the basement of a townhouse in Singapore.

Designed by Elizabeth Hay, the blue shelves bring instant interest, along with the patterns on the sofa and chair.

ESCAPE ROOM

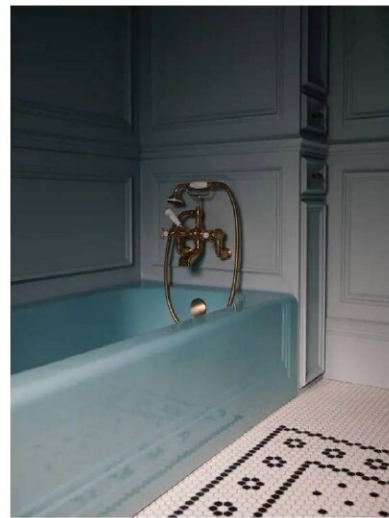
A window seat provides a blissful place to curl up with a book. This scheme by De Rosee Sa has a banquette seat, plenty of open shelves for books and wall lights for reading at night-time. The woodwork is painted in Farrow & Ball's Parma Gray and the joinery is by SDFurniture.

UNDER COVER

Built-in bookshelves are an ideal way to work with awkward angles and transform an in-between space. “This is a charming study in the eaves of a London townhouse,” says Sean Symington. “An autumnal palette creates a space that feels playful and perfect for working from home.”

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PROJECT INSPIRATION



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CHECK MATE

Designer Phoebe Holland's golden rule for smaller bathrooms is to always go bold. Here, a confident pattern makes the room feel bigger. 'We used Bert & May's large-scale chequerboard tiles to really heighten the sense of drama,' says Phoebe. Lipstick-red mirrors add flair, but also conceal storage.

NATURAL BLEND

'This bathroom was designed to reflect the character of a converted barn, drawing inspiration from the Belgian farmhouse aesthetic,' says Tori Young of Holland Green. Off-white zellige tiles contrast with the terracotta floor tiles, both from Ca' Pietra, while the Parker & Howley vanity references the oak beams.

FUN HOUSE

Scalloped cabinetry is the highlight of this delightful scheme. 'The skirt hides useful storage, but also makes it feel less fitted and more in keeping with the period architecture of this French family home,' says designer Sean Symington. A blend of primary hues keeps it cheery, including drawer knobs by MG & Co.

HERO PIECE

The vintage Ideal Standard bath was the starting point for this striking project. 'It's a cast-iron piece reclaimed after a long search – the overall aim was to create a timeless yet personal bathroom,' says designer Benjamin Levy. Traditional polished brass fixtures from Perrin & Rowe provide a warm contrast.