

Choose your **HALLWAY STYLE****WONDER WALL**

**THE IDEA** Go all out with statement wallpaper, while keeping the rest of the scheme pared-back. Bold monochromes give a very modern look. Choose one colour, such as the black here, and flow it on to the floor and staircase.

**GET THE LOOK** The walls are papered in Fez 5006734 by Schumacher at Turnell & Gigon, £112 per 4.1m roll. Farrow & Ball paint could complete this look: Railings floor paint, £55 for 2.5l; and All White estate eggshell, £50 for 2.5l.

**FLOOR SHOW**

**THE IDEA** Why opt for a straight, off-the-rack runner? Colourful ethnic-style rugs irregularly placed along the length of your hall will be more visually arresting.

**GET THE LOOK** American brand West Elm sells dhurrie-like floor coverings – it has a new shop on London's Tottenham Court Road – or try Anthropologie's Double Diamond wool rug, £698. For a similar armchair, see The Sixty One polyester/viscose-mix in Tonic Orange, £799, G Plan Vintage at John Lewis.

**LIGHT TOUCH**

**THE IDEA** An easy update that will transform even the simplest of spaces is an ultra-stylish and modern sculptural pendant – or two. Don't be afraid to introduce fittings and accessories in different styles into an otherwise classic interior.

**GET THE LOOK** The dark grey pendant is the Allegro Ritmico aluminium chandelier by Atelier Oi for Foscarini, £2,106; and the gold light is Tom Dixon's brass Etch, £295.

**MATERIAL MATTERS**

**THE IDEA** Contrast surfaces and textures. Here, wood panelling is teamed with exposed brickwork, while metal tiles cover the ceiling. A splash of bright paint offers extra bite to a neutral space. Choose a colour that pops, like this apple green.

**GET THE LOOK** Andy Thornton sells metal ceiling tiles, from £20.48 each, or create the effect with Rockett St George's Brooklyn Tin Tiles wallpaper, £219 per 10m roll. For a similar green emulsion, try Crown's Easy Peasy, £24.99 for 2.5l.

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**THE IDEA** Contemporary wall panelling brings classic elegance to an entrance and is a good trick if you're sticking to a neutral colour palette – choose a design with clean lines. Match with a vintage bench with under-seat storage.

**GET THE LOOK** Finepanel sells a range of fit-it-yourself wall panelling, from £41.63 per sq m. The walls are painted in Paint Library's Tarlatan emulsion, £35 for 2.5l at Chapel Interiors. Brownrigg can source a similar antique bench.

**EARN YOUR STRIPES**

**THE IDEA** A stair runner in a multi-stripe design is a clever way of introducing both colour and pattern. Plus, the hall is where you can experiment with shades you might not go for elsewhere. Choose neutral walls so the floor does all the talking.

**GET THE LOOK** This is Crucial Trading's Audrey Sunrise wool runner, £134 per sq m. If your hall is dark, paint it in Dulux's Light and Space emulsion, £16 for 2.5l, which bounces twice as much light around a room.

**IN THE MOOD**

**THE IDEA** Let a bold, statement hallway be the cue for the rest of your scheme by flowing its tones into the neighbouring rooms. Rich blue-black is an elegant choice, particularly with woodwork picked out in a bright white paint.

**GET THE LOOK** For a similar wall colour, try Little Greene's Basalt matt emulsion, £39.50 for 2.5l. Highlight the woodwork with its Slaked Lime eggshell, £48 for 2.5l. WovenGround sells plain wool runners, from £59.

**RICH BLEND**

**THE IDEA** A fan of fusion? Mix super-modern pieces with calm, classic details for a quirky, hybrid look. With graphic flooring, avoid using too much colour on walls; instead, bring in visual interest with artwork and freestanding furniture.

**GET THE LOOK** Find similar floor tiles at Mandarin Stone – its Chess Polished, from £71.98 per sq m, is a combination of Carrara marble and grey limestone. Buy the Magis Paradise Tree plastic and steel coat stand, £512, at Nest.

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