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BUILD A SLEEK STAIRCASE

Adding new stairs will bite into a budget but a contemporary design can open up the space and create volume. ‘By keeping the staircase lightweight, with a soft geometry, and creating a central void, even a small one, the sense of space and flow is maximised,’ explains architect Rodrigo Moreno Masey of Moreno Masey. ‘It’s simple, but it works.’ Use materials to further underline the sense of continuity between levels. Here, a bleached-oak landing is carried to the sill step and up the open treads of the stairwell, helping to subtly stitch together the spaces.

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“REMEMBER THAT WINDOWSILLS ARE ESSENTIALLY ANOTHER SHELF, SO TRY TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEM”

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RAISE THE ROOF

Converting an attic into a bedroom suite (top right) is a clever use of what was originally intended as little more than storage space. Create a light and seamless flow by using pale colours on the walls and add built-in wardrobes, cupboards and flooring with a bleached-out veneer finish.

SMALL WONDER

Compact spaces lend themselves to pattern mixing, but choose designs that vary in scale so the clash doesn’t become overpowering. This bedroom (above left) by Ben Pentreath offsets a large-scale emerald green wallpaper by Soane with a stripy blanket and a solid-blue lampshade.

HOT DESK

When designing a study area in the kitchen, keep paperwork and office equipment out of sight by placing them in a built-in cupboard (above right) with doors that can be closed when not in use. Add a punch with a striking upholstered stool that can slide underneath the desk. →