

## MAKE IT WORK IN YOUR HOME

**LOOK** for rattan. These antique-style shabby chic cane beds are a seriously hot trend at the moment. Prices can go well into the thousands, but with some savvy online shopping, you can expect to pay around £500-£600. Search for 'rattan' and 'French-style' beds to get the look.

**TRY** layering your window dressings to add depth to your windows. For a plush look, you can't beat curtains, but who says you have to close them? Hanging drapes for decoration while using a black-out blind in a plain colour is both stylish and practical. During the day, a fine string curtain allows light in while giving you privacy.

**ADD** texture by choosing patterned wallpaper and fabrics. Metallics add glamour, but can look flat. Go for wallpaper with an embossed design - while embroidered or beaded cushions add interest to a plain bed.

**THINK** about your feet. No one feels at their most glam first thing in the morning but a faux fur or sheepskin rug will soften those initial groggy moments as you step out of bed.

**DO** add a few contemporary touches to pull the look up to date - think boutique hotel rather than stately home. A sleek, black, beaded lampshade is a modern twist on the chandelier and stops this vintage-inspired look becoming too stuffy.

**CREATE** your own gilded effect on existing furniture with metallic paint. To get the shabby chic look, simply paint it onto corners and edges, let it dry, then lightly sand. Crown do a metallic range including a gold and a bronze. Or you could try gold leaf, available from most craft shops and online.

**KEEP** the colour scheme neutral. Combine gold with cream, white, and grey to keep it looking shabby chic rather than 'bling'. Plain white bedding is a foolproof way to pare down an opulent look and stop it looking overstyled.

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## LIVING notes

Grazia black shade, £19.99, Argos.co.uk

Kimono gold floral wallpaper, £25.20 per roll, Lauraashley.com

Desire gold wallpaper, £25, Grahambrown.com

Cream candle holder, £6.99, Homesense.com

Hamilton Tieback, £9.99, Dunelm-mill.com

Louis rattan bed from, £525, Reprofurniturecompany.com

Black fur rug, £24.99, Argos.co.uk

Toulouse silver night stand, £59.99, Dunelm-mill.com

Velvet geometric bedspread in mink, £150, Johnlewis.com

Biba pearl cushion, £30, Houseofraser.co.uk

Gold cushion, £12.99, Homesense.com

Fearne Cotton Darcy curtain set, from £32, Very.co.uk