



how to make dark walls work

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Dark paint colours will highlight wall imperfections and streaks more than lighter colours, so spend some time preparing surfaces for a flawless finish.

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To stop the room from visually closing in, paint the ceiling a light colour – crisp white is fail-proof and will help open the space by drawing the eye up and out.

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Play up the cosy factor with rich, textured furniture and accessories. Here, a dark tan leather sofa and plush-pile rug add to the warmth.

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Hang artworks in timber or white frames so they pop off the walls, and be sure to include plenty of lighting options for those darker days. →



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1 OYOY 'Rica' round vases, \$115 each, Luumo Design. 2 Chambray linen throw in Black, \$169, Aura Home. 3 Round nesting side tables in Marble/Antique Brass, \$499 for set, West Elm. 4 Rebari No.04 cushion, \$185, Paradisi Home. 5 Peggy pendants, \$650 each, Urban Lighting. 6 Marrakesh Trellis wool rug (2.4m x 3m), \$699, Early Settler. 7 Verge brass wall lamp, \$675, James Said. 8 Slumberland square winged headboard in Nero, \$999 for queen, Snooze. 9 Dear Human 'Standing Figure: Ice Blue Stripe With Slippers' sculpture, \$700, Curatorial+Co. 10 Carron candle, \$159, Maison Bazac. 11 Linus round marble coffee table in Grey (79cm), \$620, Interior Secrets. 12 Gus 'Margot' 1-seater sofa in Velvet Spruce, \$2300, GlobeWest. 13 Round barstool in Black Satin (75cm), \$265, Thonet. 14 Clad 2-door credenza in Walnut/Obivion, \$2699, Blu Dot. 15 Oriole cast iron teapot in Black, \$160, T2. 16 Resin Liquid vase in Snow Swirl, \$145 for medium, Dinosaur Designs. 17 Pepparkorn vase in Grey, \$9.99, Ikea. 18 No. 811 Hoffmann chair in Dark Oak, \$499.40, Thonet.



Colours and finishes

FROM LEFT Jolie paint in French Quarter Green, \$55.50 for 946ml, Jolie Home. Plantino Laminate 'Nocea' flooring in Tarlo Oak, from \$59 per sq m, Choices Flooring. Popham Design 'Brasilia' tiles, \$338 per sq m, Onsite Supply & Design. Cement diagonal tiles in Black & White, \$143 per sq m, Earp Bros Tiles.