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COUNTRY STYLE

Tongue-and-groove cladding on walls is a classic treatment for a country or rustic scheme. It can look very attractive on attic bedroom ceilings too, where it deflects attention from the lower ceiling height. This type of panelling will also disguise imperfect surfaces and add an extra layer of insulation. In the kitchen of her previous home in Hampshire, interior designer Susie Atkinson added tongue-and-groove to the walls and beading to the ceiling. ‘It seems like a strange thing to do as the ceiling isn’t high in this room, but it worked as the detailing added interest and stopped the ceiling from feeling low and blank,’ explains the founder of Studio Atkinson. Use uniform narrow boards rather than random-width ones for a less distracting and more subtle result. In a small room, consider laying the planks horizontally to visually widen the space.

WARM WELCOME

A hallway is the perfect place for panelling as it adds character to an otherwise blank space (which might require lots of artwork to liven up). There are plenty of options to choose from, be it a simple dado rail, or butt-and-bead joints which are typically found in Georgian properties. In this light-filled London house, the team at Studio Ashby added a sense of place with Jacobean-style panelling in a warm pale green and carried it up the full height of the walls, framing the doorway too. It adds immediate interest and is age appropriate for Victorian houses as Jacobean-style panelling experienced a revival during the 19th century. The sideboard, with statement lamps from Porta Romana, adds another striking and decorative note.