

# Mirror, mirror on the wall

Mirrors are an easy way to reflect light, make a space look bigger, and open up a room. They are not only beautiful but can be transforming as

## IN TINY ROOMS AND NARROW HALLWAYS

A large mirror can help a small room because it creates the illusion of depth. Don't be afraid to go big! Place a big mirror above a dining room table to reflect your beautiful chandelier, or install a mirror across your favorite piece of artwork. If you are feeling adventurous, consider installing a wall-to-wall mirror.

Smaller, horizontal mirrors work in narrow hallways and staircases. They widen the space and create a better flow from room to room.



## DON'T JUST PUT THEM ANYWHERE

It's tempting to cover up empty wall space with mirrors, but always make sure that it is reflecting something that's worth looking at. The worst decorating mistake you could make is placing mirrors so they're reflecting random things, clutter or unattractive pieces of furniture. You don't want to double those.

## MAKE THEM A FOCAL POINT

Instead of installing mirrors on the wall, place a large framed mirror on the floor and



rest it against a wall to turn it into a statement piece. Another idea is to place the mirror in a corner and put a spotlight behind it to create a beautiful, shiny corner glow.

## GO EASY WITH MIRRORS IN THE KITCHEN AND BEDROOM

Unless you have a pristine kitchen, mirrors are unnecessary there. A mirror in the kitchen would also be prone to unsightly water and gravy marks, so it would need constant maintenance.

Limit the use of mirrors in the bedroom too – especially those which reflect the bed. According to Feng Shui, a mirror attracts a strong element of water which can create sorrow and interfere with your personal energy. If you do not believe in Feng Shui, then keep in mind that a bedroom mirror will most likely reflect you every morning in all your bedhead and pajama glory – probably not a sight you want to wake up to.

## DON'T USE MIRRORS ON CEILINGS

It's tacky. Also, can you imagine cleaning it?

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