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# ENGLISH HOME

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## ESCAPE TO SERENITY

From hilltop havens to beamed retreats

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Style essentials to set the right tone

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Soft infusions for a beautiful home

### Desirable Bathroom

Create a private sanctuary

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### STAIR RUNNERS

"Tightly woven wool carpeting is both a stylish and hard-wearing option for stairs and hallways. The plain wools can look even better when you add a plain or patterned border. Wool stripes in hallways and on the stairs can make a statement and stairs on their own can be boldly striped with a complementing pinstripe hall runner."

Lorna Haigh, *The Alternative Flooring Company*



### AN EXTRA ROOM

"If your hallway is large, avoid the corridor look by hanging a large mirror to break up the wall space and give depth. Create a strong focal point with height, for example, group pictures around a large mirror or place a console beneath a mirror with pair of chairs. If you have space, an angled comfortable armchair is a welcoming addition and also breaks up the linearity of the room."

Juliette Barret, *Marketing Director, Wesley Barret*

### INVITING LIGHTING

"The hall is the first glimpse your visitors will have of your home and the lighting is a key element in creating a welcoming ambience. Draw the eye in by placing a central lantern or pendant light in the entrance section and a duplicate one to the rear. I then like to 'push' the side walls out and create a feeling of intimacy and coziness by adding decorative cruces or table lamps on both sides."

Christopher Hyde, *lighting designer*

### THE RIGHT SIZE

"It is important to measure a hallway before shopping for furniture so you know what size space you have to work with. Console tables are the ideal piece of hallway furniture, available in a variety of styles and sizes. A depth of between 40 and 60 cm is perfect for this narrow space. Space underneath can be utilised with baskets for storage, boots and decorative objects that need a home."

Sue Jones, *Founding Director of OKA* ▶

