

# Downsize with Style

## TIPS&TRICKS

### Tonal Manipulation

1. To make room larger use light tones of your chosen colour on all surfaces.
2. To make a room feel smaller or more intimate use warm colours in dark tones on ceiling and walls and lighter tone on the floor.
3. Warm colours in dark tones advance and will make this feature wall appear closer.
4. Cool colours and light tones recede and will make this feature wall appear further away and the room more spacious.
5. Dark floor finishes will make the floor space appear smaller.
6. To lower a ceiling use a colour that is slightly darker than the wall colour.
7. To raise a ceiling use a lighter tone of your wall colour. Paint the walls right up to the ceiling.
8. To lower ceilings in a large space paint the top section of the walls in the same colour as the ceiling.
9. Use a contrasting colour to highlight a detail or architectural feature.
10. To make a corridor look larger use light tones on all surfaces. This will reflect the light and make the space less confining.
11. To shorten a long hallway or a long narrow room paint the end wall in a dark tone of a warm colour.
12. To change the proportions of a corridor use darker tones on ceiling and floor. The space will appear lower and wider.