

# SOURCEBOOK

Shutters look fantastic in Alison's 1930s bay window, but are they always the best option?



## INTERIOR DESIGN

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## LIGHT AND SHADE

Any window dressing you choose for your home is likely to be a significant investment and shutters are no exception. So take time to think about the pros and cons of all the options to ensure you get it right

**Versatile choice** When deciding between shutters and curtains, consider each room separately. Curtains are great for a dark space as they can be fully open or closed. But if your room needs differing degrees of privacy and light, then shutters are ideal, as they're versatile and can be adjusted. Unlike curtains, they look as stylish from the outside as they do from the inside and, as well as blocking draughts, they're water-resistant and durable.

**Make light work** If you're worried shutters will make spaces feel darker, choose a wide louvre, the fewest possible panels and a pale shade. If you're on a budget and your home isn't overlooked, half-height shutters (café style) are a great option. For flexibility, tier-on-tier designs have the impressive look of full-height shutters but can be opened and closed fully, or just at the bottom or top.

**Bold and bright** Once in place, shutters should look



good for many years. Paler tones are popular, but don't be afraid to go bold. If your room could do with a pop of colour, choose a strong shade for a dramatic focal point.

**Double up** You could combine shutters and curtains for the best of both worlds! Create a luxurious look by layering the sleek lines of shutters with a velvet curtain. Add tiebacks so the curtains don't overlap the shutters and to allow maximum light into the room.



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