

# SOURCEBOOK

Here's how to deal with difficult corners like those in Claire and Sam's attic room



## INTERIOR DESIGN

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## AWKWARD SHAPES

Rooms with sloping ceilings and odd angles can be tricky to furnish. However, as Sallie Chater explains, there are plenty of ways to make the most of the space

**Use quirky corners** Bespoke storage is great for filling any unusual spaces and a clever carpenter can turn even the most problematic area into a drawer or shelf that fits perfectly. Perhaps a quirky corner can become a space for a custom-built desk or reading chair? Full-height made-to-measure wardrobes may be more costly but they'll maximise your storage and can be made to fit under eaves or into corners. Adding mirrored panels will make the room feel more spacious.

**Low-level furniture** Make ceilings feel higher than they are by ensuring furniture, such as your bed and bedside tables, are not overly tall. The Natural Bed Company has a good selection of lower bed frames and even stocks a low four-poster. Try to choose pieces with legs, though, as this will enhance the feeling of floor space in the area.

**Hidden doors** If you're building an extension, choosing doors that slide into a pocket in the wall rather than opening into the room will save wall space for furniture. Or for a modern feel, a floor-to-ceiling door will give increased head height, making the room feel less restricted.

**Light well** Avoid pendant lights in the middle of a room as it's unlikely you'll have the height for a statement piece. Instead opt for floor lamps and have them wired to a wall switch for ease of use. Hanging your bedside lights from the ceiling rather than having a table lamp is also a great way to save space on a smaller bedside table, or alternatively you could choose a wall-mounted design.

**Accessorise** Use pieces to highlight a room's best feature. For example, a statement rug will emphasise a room's width rather than the height. Plants and decorative objects also work well to fill or hide any nooks and crannies, while a bespoke mirror can be a fantastic solution for an irregular wall space. 



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1 Old Gold emulsion, £18/2.5L, Crown 2 Pitter Patter cushion by Villa Nova, £70, Sweetpea & Willow 3 Spherical Leaf glass vase by Bloomingville, £39, Amara 4 Dean wall lamp in wood and brushed copper, £45, Made 5 Thai Nube tile (10 x 20cm), £34.50/sq metre, Tile Giant 6 Linton throw in Dusky Pink, £45, Shimu  
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