



## The colour of calm

Architect Dawid Konieczny separated the living room from the bedroom of this Warsaw apartment with a curved wall covered in the same beige plaster as the rest of the interior. The hue, a latte-like shade that's luxuriously comforting, is the same colour chosen for the microcement flooring and velvet curtains. It is the source of this home's soothing character. Inside the bedroom, decoration is kept to a minimum, with the bed providing the only subtle nod to pattern – it's clad in a printed veneer designed by Ettore Sottsass for Alpi ([dawidkoniecznyinteriors.com](http://dawidkoniecznyinteriors.com)).

## Ensuite dreaming

Set within Milan's historic Palazzo Bovara, this open-plan bedroom and bathroom embodies the growing trend towards hybrid sleep spaces. Created by interior designer Giuliano Andrea dell'Uva in collaboration with ELLE Decor, our Italian sister edition, this space and the furnishings within it may be contemporary, but the blue palette sits beautifully alongside the building's original yellow colour scheme ([giulianoandreadelluva.it](http://giulianoandreadelluva.it)).



## An evening of drama

Tasked with creating a cosy sleep space in a very limited footprint (just 46 square metres), Polish interior-design studio Mistovia decided to throw caution to the wind and be bold. The room only has space for a bed, but what it lacks in size it makes up for in colour. A stripe of maroon runs across the walls and curtain (which hides wardrobe space), creating a horizontal colour split that makes the space appear larger. Bedding and accessories in a mixture of plum and raspberry-pink complement this brave decorating choice ([mistovia.com](http://mistovia.com)).

## Stories before bedtime

A client who was after an 'idiosyncratic and extravagant room for guests to enjoy' prompted British interior firm Artichoke to create a spare bedroom that is themed in the most fairy-tale-like of ways. The notably striking feature is the built-in custom storage cupboards made from American red-cherry wood. Inscribed within the elaborate marquetry are hidden jewelled butterflies and beetles – a menagerie that would feel at home amid the flowers on the bedding. Each insect is, according to the studio, meant to represent a grandchild of the client and can be found in and around the park that surrounds the house ([artichoke-ltd.com](http://artichoke-ltd.com)). ►

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## Bauhaus in the bedroom

Colours and materials reminiscent of the Bauhaus movement converge in this Parisian apartment thanks to its tubular chrome floor lamp (look to designer Axel Chay for a modern take on this design) and use of striking shapes and primary colours. Completed by Atelier Steve, which describes the room as a 'liveable sculpture', this scheme makes clever use of space, with the small attached office furnished with a bespoke slimline desk and accessed through an organic-looking portal ([ateliersteve.com](http://ateliersteve.com)).

## Retreat from the world

Sometimes you just want to shut yourself away and reset. Few places make that idea more appealing than the sleeping chamber of this compact apartment in New York by interior experts Messana O'Rorke. It's an unlacquered brass cube box (the idea lends the project its name, 'Jewel Box') with interior walls clad in a textural warm-grey cowhide. For when you want to re-engage with the world, the folding doors open on three sides, connecting this private sanctuary with the rest of the home ([messanaororke.com](http://messanaororke.com)). **ED**



## Sleeper carriage

There's a hint of the old-school glamour of rail travel in this bedroom by Spanish designer Pepe Leal. Intended as a tribute to crafts and tradition, the apartment is filled with bespoke furnishings, but our favourite feature is the undulating plywood cladding that stretches up above the head of the bed creating a protective timber canopy. Leal worked with local carpenter Mobisanz to create this unique design that subtly zones this large ensuite space ([pepeleal.com](http://pepeleal.com)).

## Pattern that soothes

Fabrics and finishes that appeal to our sense of touch are the heroes of this tactile bedroom by Australian interior-design studio YSG. Embossed vinyl and raffia-weave wallpaper clads the large wardrobe (cleverly placed behind the headboard to form a small dressing area), which provides the main element of decoration in this pared-back scheme. Meanwhile, elements of marble and buttery leather provide even more textural delight in shades inspired by nature ([ysg.studio](http://ysg.studio)).

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