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how to find the perfect white and make it work

- + **The amount of light and your decor** will help determine the look and overall feel of your home. Cooler whites create a clean and spacious feel, which is suited to more modern homes, where simplicity and an uncluttered feel is the desired look. Warmer whites add a soft and more cosy feel, especially in rooms with high ceilings and timber floors; these shades often have a yellowish undertone.
- + **You can use the same shade** or tone of white for walls, ceiling and joinery. The colour will appear slightly different across various areas with different sheen levels. For example, a low sheen wall paint and a gloss or enamel paint for the trims will have small textural contrasts to create interest.
- + **Selecting a white shade** then using varied half and quarter strengths of the same colour will also add soft, complementary changes in tone to any room.



6 Striking a sophisticated balance of minimalist design and natural beauty, the bathroom sits behind a floating wall in the master bedroom. Shelves made of recycled Canadian timber sourced from old barns have been recessed into the wall. The shelves and woven baskets add warmth to the otherwise cool space. Soft grey marble tiles line both the walls and shower floor, making the space feel expansive. The black edge of the showerscreen gives sharp definition, echoing the treatment that has been used on window frames throughout the cabin.
Tip: Maintain an airy feel in a small bathroom with open storage and a shower with no doors. This design works in a bathing space with plenty of ventilation.



7 The only furniture piece in the master bedroom is a bed, but smart design has allowed for maximum storage in this petite space. The wall behind the bed separates the sleeping quarters from the bathroom and contains a concealed wardrobe. Niches in the wall on either side of the bed serve as bedside nooks, freeing up valuable floor space. The height of the dividing wall emphasises the exposed timber beams and creates a surface area to display holiday-perfect pieces.
Tip: When designing bedside niches, think about the minimum height and depth you need to store your nighttime essentials. And don't forget about your lighting choices, too!

Take advantage of a pitched ceiling and the sense of space by keeping large elements simple in design