

Great ideas for living rooms

It's important to make sure your treatment works with the function of the windows as well as adding a decorative element. For French windows, think about any curtains drawing right out of the way. A pole extending to either side of the window will mean curtains can be stacked, so they don't hinder access. Check, too, that any heading you choose will stack up neatly. Alternatively, sliding panels are great as a simple option for a modern room.



SHUT OUT DRAUGHTS

Shutters are a modern way to dress sash windows and can help block draughts, too. They're also great for windows facing the street, as you can shut out the view of passers-by without losing natural light – often much needed in through rooms.

Shutters, plantation style with wooden slats, £250 per m², [Shutterly Fabulous](#)

LIVING ROOM KNOW-BOW

Want to use sliding panels? Hanging systems are available from [Buffalo](#), [Slant Glass](#) and [W&A](#).

Think energy efficiency. Thermal and blackout curtain linings will reduce heat loss – and don't forget you can renovate old windows, too. Companies such as [Sliding Tech Solutions](#) can add draught-proofing to original wooden sash frames.

If you want curtains on bay windows, you can dress the bay using a specially shaped bay track – try [www.trackandpoles.com](#) or [www.paulbarnes.co.uk](#)



CREATE A FOCAL POINT

Attractive bay windows – including those that incorporate a door onto your garden – look great with a treatment that draws attention to them. These curtains frame the view, and have a contrasting fabric on a lining, so they look great from either view.

Curtains made using [Cecilia](#) cotton fabric in black, £88 per m², lined with [Tennessee](#) fabric in black/white, £28 per m², of other fabrics, from [The Fabric Library](#) collection, [Cofram](#)



CONTEMPORARY PANELS

If you have floor-to-ceiling windows, a contemporary treatment is best. Panels are as simple as your window's style. You can show off patterned fabrics, and also team with co-ordinating paint panels, as shown above.

Panel made using [Pud 8088](#) fabric (shown left), £28 per m², and [Tandika Plains](#) 4000 fabric (right), £28 per m², that also comes in [Tandika Plains](#) pattern on chair in [Mada 8087](#) fabric, £44 per m², [Arkana](#) [Orilla 10078](#) wallpaper, £37 per roll, all from the [Tempo](#) collection, [Horusart](#)