

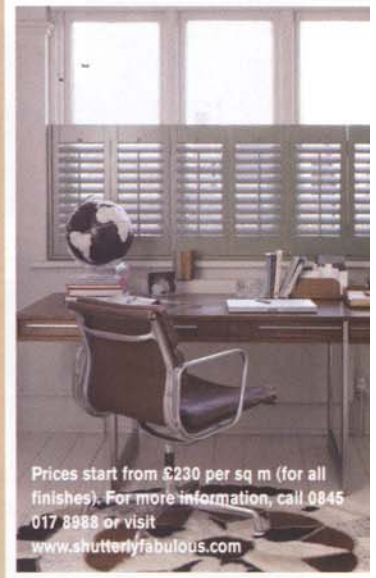
Dressing

After the long, cold winter, spring is a good time to rethink the way you've dressed your windows, says Sarah Giles



Plenty of privacy, lots of light
Shutters are a great alternative to curtains and blinds if you need privacy in a room (if it's overlooked from the street or another house) but don't want to lose too much light. They're available in a wide range of finishes and colours, and tiered shutters offer the most flexibility as the top panels can open independently of the lower ones.

Different slat widths create different effects in a room: large-scale slats add a contemporary feel while smaller slats work best in small spaces, for example. Different lighting effects can be created with the slats too – tilt them upwards to flood the ceiling with light; down to focus on the floor, or at any point in between. They're also very good in home offices and studies as they can help reduce glare on a computer screen without leaving the room in darkness on a sunny day. They work well with French doors as well as with windows, tending to add a feeling of height to the room, and they're also worth considering in bay windows, where fitting tracks for curtains and blinds can sometimes be very tricky.



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