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SITTING ROOM

Irene has avoided pattern to keep this space calm. Elegant profiles and touches of brass are smart defining elements.

Beetley sofa, Sé, Zurich lantern, Vaughan.

Blind in Phantom in Cloud, de Le Cuona



ADD A WINDOW SEAT

When it comes to designing a storage bench beneath a window, proportions are key, says Irene Gunter of Gunter & Co Interiors, who designed this bedroom scheme. 'Often people make them too skinny, which means they'll still look attractive but will barely be used as they aren't comfortable,' she says. 'Height is important, too. They need to be tall enough to provide substantial storage, but not so high that the sitter can't easily get off and on.' Ideally, they should be 50cm deep and between 50cm and 60cm in height. In this scheme, Irene has added more surface space by creating a narrow dressing table to fit in the chimney breast alcove. →