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Try a single panel

You don't have to use two curtains when one will do in a tight space. Use a single curtain panel that can be closed at night but swept back out of the way to maximise light during the day. *Delphine fabric in Charcoal F0428/01, £19 per m, Clarisse collection, Clarke & Clarke*

SMART IDEAS FOR WINDOWS

Take down those dusty drapes and give your windows a fresh new look for spring

One of the easiest ways to give a room a new look is to update the window treatment. Whether it's a colourful sweep of floral fabric that brightens up a wintry room come springtime, or statement-making shutters in an unexpected colour choice, it can make the world of difference to a room. Before you consider materials, set aside the style options and think

first about the practicalities: the size and shape of the windows; how much light and privacy you will need; and how much you can afford to spend.

With these essentials in mind, deciding on a style, pattern and colour will fall into place more easily. We've come up with some bright new ideas and practical advice to help you, so you can create the look you want with ease.



Go for café chic

Brighten up a kitchen window with a cheery café-style curtain – perfect if you need a little privacy at an overlooked window without blocking out too much light. Make your own with a short length of fabric – just hem the bottom and sew a channel slot at the top then slip onto a telescopic curtain rod. Telescopic tension rods, from £3.30 for a L60-100cm rod, Wilko

Make a seasonal swap

It's a good idea to swap heavy winter drapes for something lighter and airier in spring. Make it a doddle with easy-to-sew tie-top curtains in a lightweight fabric. They'll need no linings, rings or tapes – you simply tie them into place on your curtain pole, job done. *Delphine fabric in Charcoal F0428/01, £19 per m, Clarisse collection, Clarke & Clarke*