

# ELLE DECORATION

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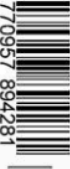
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## The interior

When it comes to decorating with the warming red, yellow and black pigments that make up brown, there's no need to play it safe. Given the colour's natural calming effects, it's guaranteed to feel comforting yet sophisticated. If you have the space, try positioning large pieces of brown furniture (think soft buttery leathers and dark timbers) at opposite ends of the room to keep things balanced – a cherry-wood bookcase set off against an oak shelving unit, perhaps. Combine complementary caramel-hued soft furnishings or floor coverings and add contrasting accents of polished glass and metal trimmings to elevate the look.



**1** This quietly opulent bathroom uses a gilt-framed mirror and brass taps to create a restful sanctuary inside a Toronto home. A crisp white basin is set in a wooden vanity unit, which complements the reddish-brown wall tiles – for similar tiger-eye-shaded options, try 'Mottled Tiles' in 'M7' and 'M8' (bolineum.com).  
**2** An exposed concrete ceiling, walnut-pannelled walls and stone floor come together in this living room, which Patricia Viel, CEO of ACPV Architects, and Sara Valaguzza designed for themselves in the lakeside Italian town of Angera. The tactile material palette continues in the furniture – such as a sprawling Flexform sofa and an armchair by Cassina (acpvarchitects.com).  
**3** Multiple shades of brown run through the dining room of this Paris apartment, designed by Hauvette & Madani. Features include an oak dresser, glossy leatherette chairs, herringbone wooden floorboards and a marble tabletop (hauvette-madani.com).

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**4** On the ground floor of architecture studio Echlin's Knightsbridge Mews house lies a small study, where wooden built-in furniture helps to save space and differentiate the areas of the home. Natural materials, such as this leather desk chair by Muuto, and gentle colours were employed to enhance the home's connection to nature (echlinlondon.com).  
**5** Rays of sunlight beam through soft curtains and onto off-white oak floors in this bedroom by Woods + Dangaran, radiating warmth. The tones of the floor, which is partially covered in a custom rug by Mehraban, are echoed in the bespoke headboard, side table and bedframe by the studio (woods+dangaran.com).  
**6** In Doria, a residential project by Studio Prineas, a blocky terrazzo kitchen island lends a graphic touch to this area designed for a family who needed a space for entertaining guests (studioprineas.com.au).



## The easy update

**1** 'Serie Up Compasso d'Oro' armchair by Gaetano Pesce in 'Cd 360', from £6,091, B&B Italia (bebitalia.com) **2** 'Kashi' cushion cover in 'Off White', approx £75, Chhatwal and Jonsson (chhatwal-jonsson.com) **3** 'Splash' rug in 'Burgundy' by Objects of Common Interest for CC-Tapis, £2,530, Monologue London (monologuelondon.com) **4** 'Wind & Fire' vase by Marie Michielssen, approx £90, Serax (serax.com) **5** 'Yurei' vase by Lidia Covello and Alberto Gaiotto, from approx £305, OmniDecor (omnidecor.it)

**6** 'Isle' pendant light by Zoë Mowat, from £3,300, Lambert & Fils (lambertefils.com) **7** 'Oyster' coffee table by Louise Liljencrantz, from approx £28,950, Studiointerseven (studiointerseven.com) **8** 'Thorpe' fruit bowl, £275, Ralph Lauren Home (ralphlauren.co.uk) **9** 'Mida' table by TAF Studio in 'Dark Red Linoleum/Dark Red', £3,895, Muuto (muuto.com) **10** 'Robot' side table in 'Paper White' by &New, £598, Glassette (glassette.com)