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DIVIDE & CONQUER
Creative ideas for making
the most of your space

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Beautiful schemes for a
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PRETTY BLOCK PRINTS AND INVITING LIVING ROOMS

EXPERT ADVICE DIVIDING A SPACE SUCCESSFULLY



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- The position of a room divider should allow good access and take into account the ergonomics of the space. There is no point in installing something that will make it difficult to move around freely.
- I use screens and dividers to lend a sense of privacy. For example, if your front door opens directly into your living room, a small divider will help to create a feeling of seclusion.
- Heat sources and natural daylight are essential considerations – you don't want to section off a cold, dark area that is unpleasant to use. Artificial lighting can have an important part to play in achieving the right ambience.
- In terms of aesthetics, a piece of hinged hardboard with a fabulous botanical paper can look very artful, or you could use one side as a pinboard and cover the other in a luxury fabric.
- For a contemporary look, ask a steel fabricator to create something with an industrial appearance. A bespoke recycled timber structure can also make a very characterful addition.



△ **OFFICE BLOCK** A freestanding screen is a simple yet effective way to create a discrete area for working within a larger living space. Introducing art and fabrics in the same colours will help give the zone a cohesive feel and make the screen feel like a permanent part of the scheme. The screen is covered in Don by Chivasso at JAB Anstoetz, jab-uk.co.uk.

▷ **CLEAR VISION** A wall of glass creates an open feel and floods what would otherwise be a dark hallway with light. Steel-framed glazing is constructed on site, which avoids problems navigating large panels of glass around tight corners. Crittall, crittall-windows.co.uk, is a long-established leading brand.

