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USE OPEN
SHELVES AS
SPACE SAVERS

Open shelving is a great way to create the illusion of space, while still creating storage solutions. It can work well in the kitchen, to display china in a less formal way. It can also be used to store books and other personal paraphernalia in the living room. The only real drawback to open shelving is the fact that you need to keep the space tidy at all times. That's a small price to pay, we think.

DON'T TRY
THIS AT HOME

When it comes to home styling, sometimes what you don't do is more important than what you do. Here's a checklist of avoidable design faux pas, from plastic flowers to overdoing chintz.

1. White tube lights are injurious to good taste—especially the exposed kind. Never try this at home.
2. Plastic flowers look good in kitschy music videos—and nowhere else.
3. It's time to stop creating statement walls painted in pop colours. Instead, try textures or wallpaper.
4. American pleats on curtains are bulky and very old-school—and not in a good way. Instead, try eyelets for your curtains.
5. Never use white wine glasses to serve red wine or vice versa.
6. Rexine is not a material you need much of around, especially not the glossy variety.
7. Never place sockets in the centres of walls. They're utilitarian elements that are best kept concealed. As for switchboards, keep them simple and discreet.