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Houzz UK Bedroom Trends Study



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Big Ideas

- Scope: More than half of renovation and decorating projects are major in scope
- Keeping it Zen: Over half of homeowners want to create a calming,
 zen-like atmosphere in their master bedroom
- The top triggers for master bedroom projects? Over half of homeowners had recently purchased a new home, and a quarter could no longer stand their old room
- **Time for a change:** Over half of homeowners are changing the style of their master bedroom, with the majority opting for a contemporary style
- Top décor: Neutral colors, wall art, mirrors and throw pillows dominate in updated master bedrooms



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At a Glance: Renovation

	MASTER BEDROOMS		OTHER BEDROOMS	
Increasing Size (among renovating homeowners)	Bedroom increase	24%	Bedroom increase	27%
	Wardrobe increase	66%	Wardrobe increase	62%
Coveted Luxury (among renovating homeowners)	Fireplace	13%	Fireplace	12%
Top Lighting Choice (among those upgrading lighting)	Ceiling light	49%	Ceiling light	60%
	Table lamp	45%	Reading light	43%
Top Flooring Choice (among those upgrading flooring)	Carpet	59%	Carpet	58%
	Wood	23%	Wood	26%
Professional Help (among renovating homeowners)	Hired a pro	81%	Hired a pro	72%
Top Project Triggers (among those upgrading flooring)	Recently purchased new home	51%	Recently purchased new home	50%
	Cannot stand it	25%	Adapting to life change	32%



At a Glance: Decorating

	MASTER BEDROOMS		OTHER BEDROOMS	
Desired Atmosphere (among decorating homeowners)	Calming/Zen	58%	Calming/Zen	49%
	Cosy	46%	Cosy	46%
	Luxurious	38%	Cheerful	26%
Top Updates	Change in style	56%	Change in style	59%
(among decorating homeowners)	Wall finish (paint/paper)	85%	Wall finish (paint/paper)	84%
Top Furniture Choice (among those upgrading furniture)	Bedside table	73%	Bedside table	63%
	Wardrobe	61%	Chest of drawers	60%
Top Decorative Items (among those adding or replacing decorative items)	Wall art	70%	Wall art	71%
	Mirrors	68%	Mirrors	62%
Top Patterns (among decorating homeowners)	No patterns (solids only)	27%	No patterns (solids only)	24%
	Floral	17%	Stripes	13%
Top Colours (among decorating homeowners)	White	39%	White	38%
	Grey	31%	Grey and cream	24%

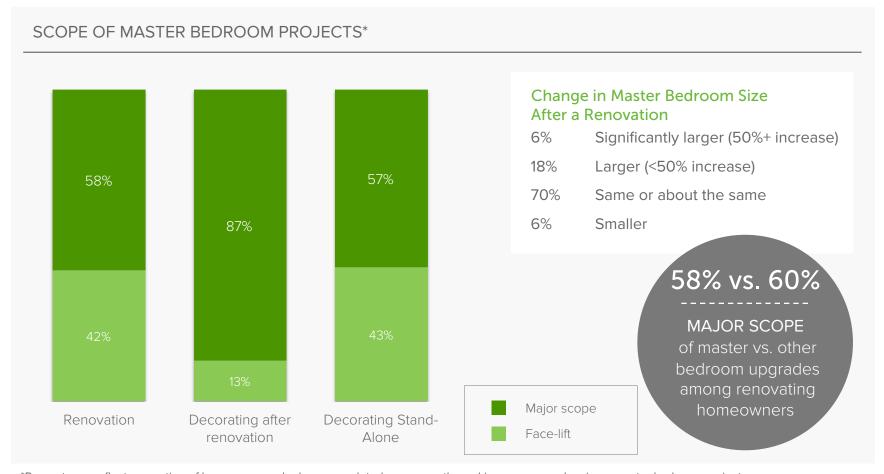


Scope & Triggers



Substantial Master Renovations

Over half of master bedroom renovations are major in scope, such as floor, door, and window replacements, and/or moving walls. Similarly, most decorating projects tend to be more than just a face-lift, especially after a renovation. Almost a quarter of all renovating homeowners are increasing the master bedroom size.

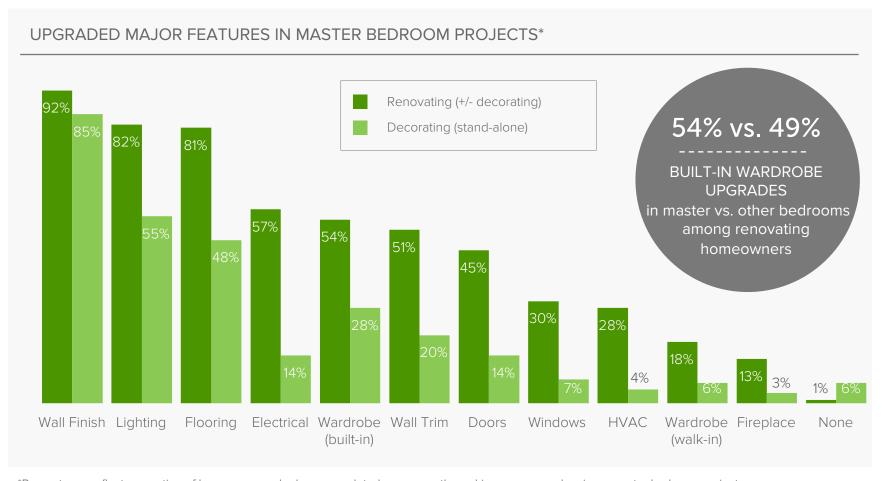


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Blurred Lines

Homeowners are adding, replacing, and refinishing major features as part of both major renovations and standalone decorating projects, making the line between light renovation and heavy-duty decorating rather blurry.



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Master Bedroom Budgets

A quarter of homeowners are budgeting or spending less than £1,000 on their master bedroom renovations, and half are budgeting or spending £1,000 or less on decorating. A third budget less than £1,000 for other bedrooms across renovation and decorating projects.

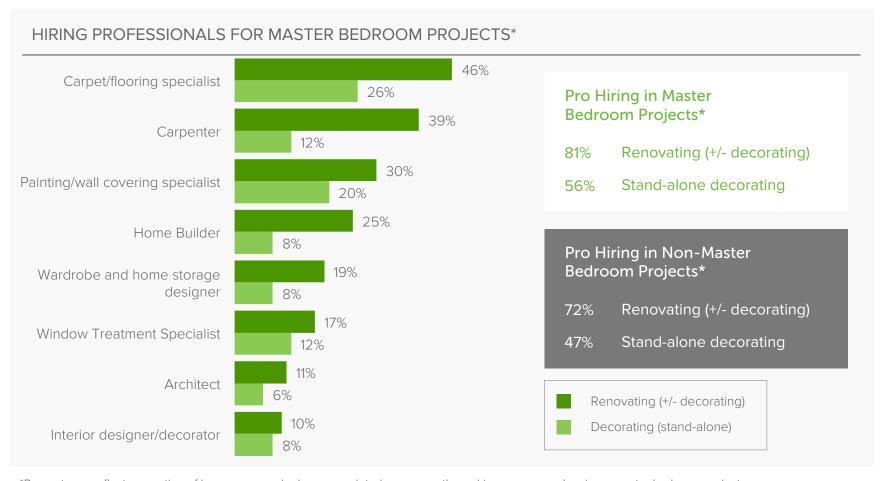


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A Helping Hand

Four in five homeowners are enlisting the help of a professional during their master bedroom renovation or subsequent decorating project. Brits are most likely to hire professionals to fit new flooring.

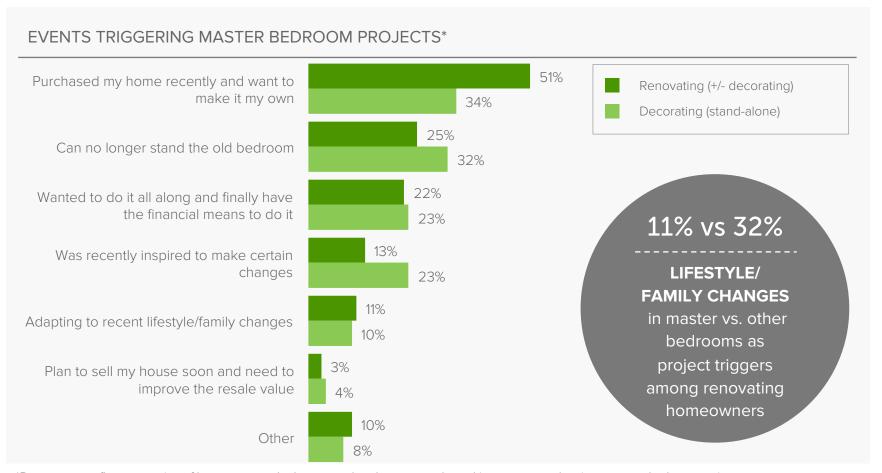


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A Room to Call my Own

Purchasing a new home and wanting to make it one's own, is the **#1** driver in master bedroom projects. Many homeowners also reported reaching a breaking point with the old one.

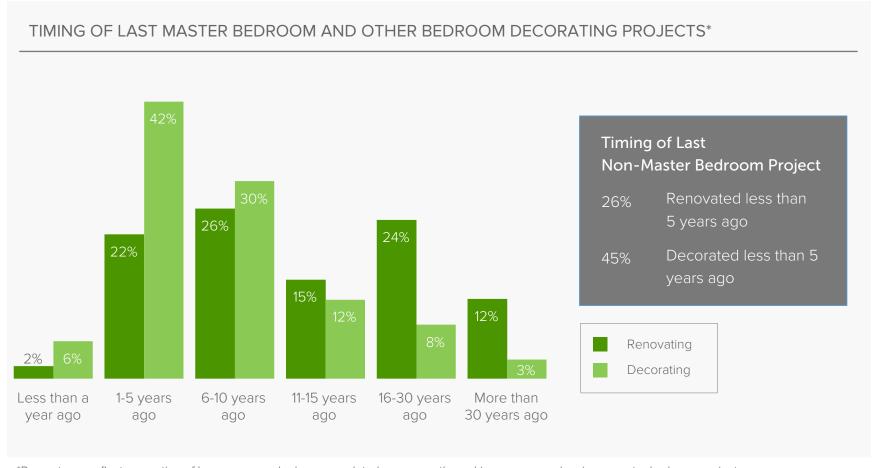


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Frequently Decorating

Nearly half (48%) of homeowners reported that their master bedroom was decorated in the last five years, with 6% claiming to have decorated only in the last year, to repeat again now. Decorating other rooms is similarly frequent, with 45% of decorators saying they had already decorated in the past 5 years or less.







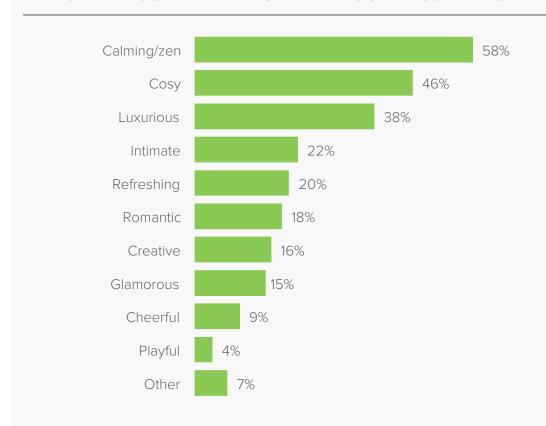
Sentiment & Style



Calm, Comfort & 5-Star Sleeping

Homeowners choose colours, patterns and materials to achieve a calming and cozy vibe in all bedrooms. Half or more of decorating homeowners want to achieve a Zen-like atmosphere in the master and other bedrooms (58% and 49%, respectively). Past calm and comfort, preferences for vibe vary greatly across bedrooms.

TARGET ATMOSPHERE IN MASTER BEDROOM DECORATING*



Target Atmosphere in Non-Master Bedrooms		
49%	Calming/zen	
46%	Cosy	
26%	Cheerful	
24%	Refreshing	
23%	Creative	
22%	Luxurious	
16%	Playful	
11%	Glamorous	
10%	Romantic	
10%	Intimate	
12%	Other	

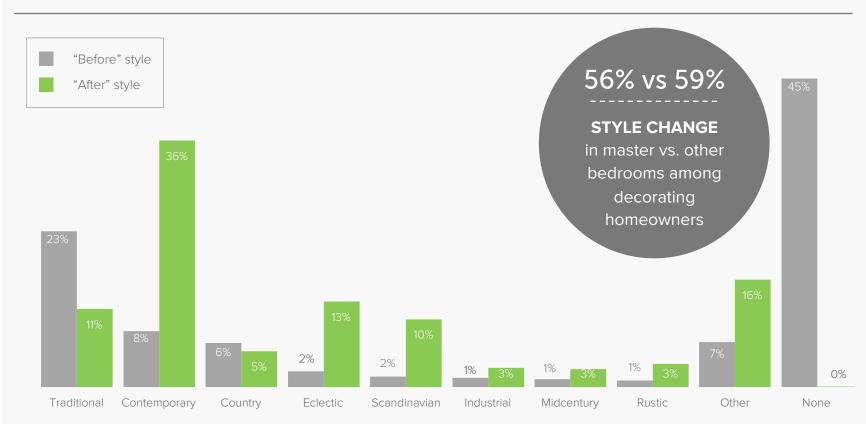
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Time for a Style Change

Over half of homeowners change the style of their master bedroom during a decorating project (56%), with one in two saying that their old rooms lacked any style. Of those changing the master bedroom style, over a third (36%) opt for a contemporary style in their updated space and away from traditional styled bedrooms.



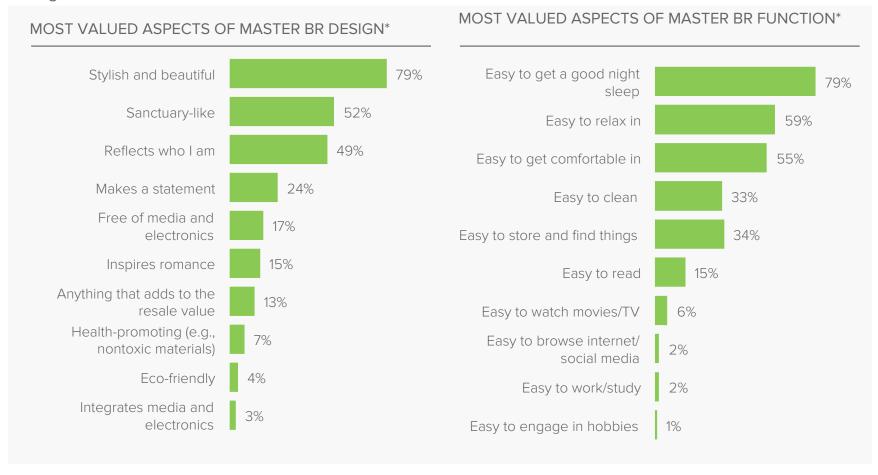


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Focus on Beauty & Self

Homeowners prioritise stylish and sanctuary-like spaces in their master bedroom design. Over one in ten update to add to the resale value. Quality sleep, relaxation and comfort are key functional aspects when it comes to the design of our bedrooms.



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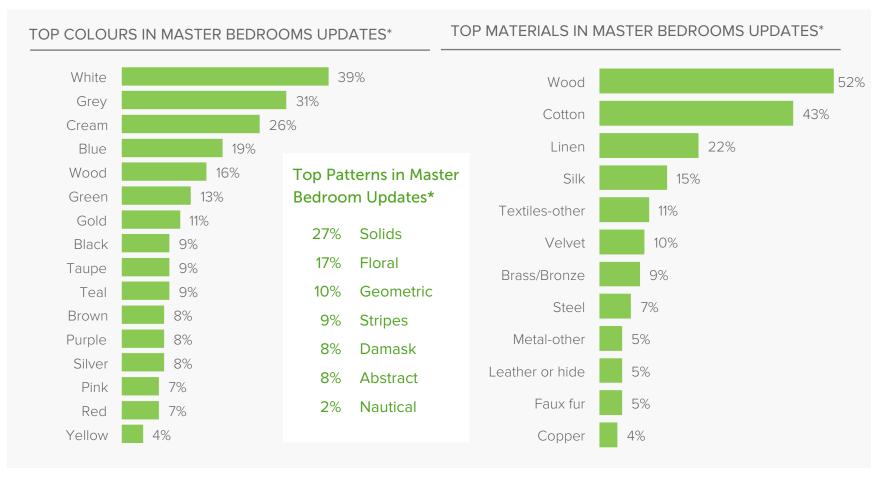


Décor & Finishes



Keeping the Calm

Homeowners gravitate toward calming colours like white, grey, cream and blue in master bedrooms. Many updated master bedrooms do not include a standout pattern (27%), though floral is somewhat popular (17%). Wood and cotton are the most common materials; one in 20 will embellish their rooms with faux fur.

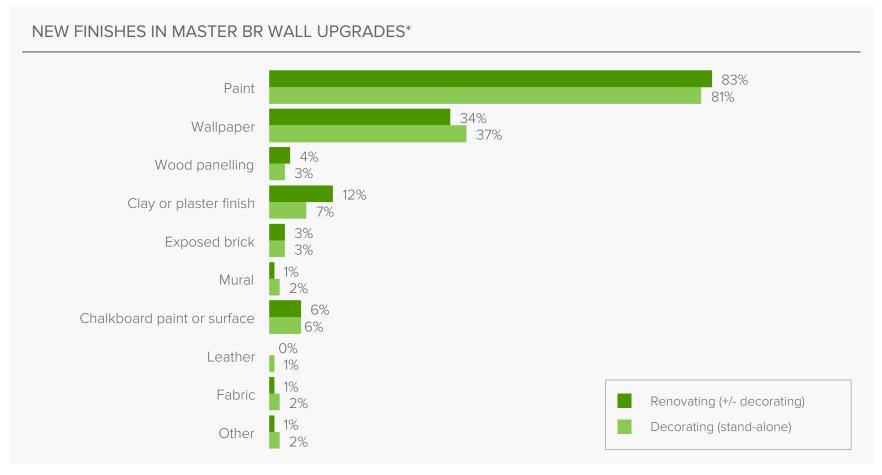


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The Majority Choose Paint

The majority of homeowners who are renovating or decorating their master bedroom are upgrading wall finishes (92%), and are doing so with paint (83% and 79%, respectively). Over a third are opting for wallpaper and one fifth experiment with a chalkboard surface.

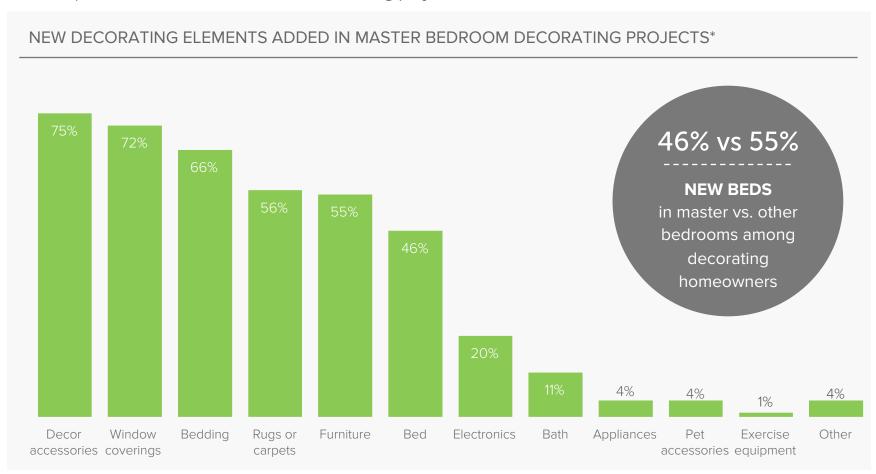


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Decorating Prompts Host of Updates

While the majority of decorating homeowners are updating small décor elements in their master bedroom (75%), over half are replacing furniture (55%), and nearly half (46%) are updating their beds. Beds are more likely to be replaced in non-master bedroom decorating projects than in master bedrooms.

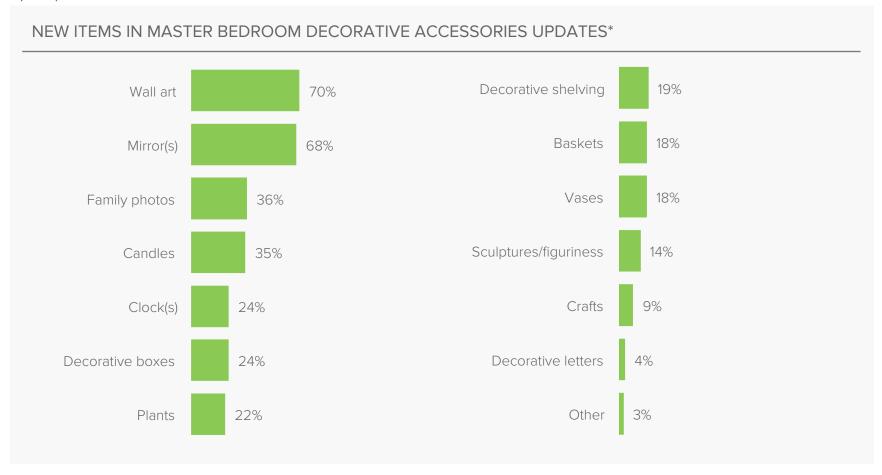


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Art Lovers

Among those updating decorative accessories in their master bedroom (75%), over two thirds are adding or replacing wall art (70%), and many are finding other ways to fill wall space, from mirrors (68%) to family photos (36%).

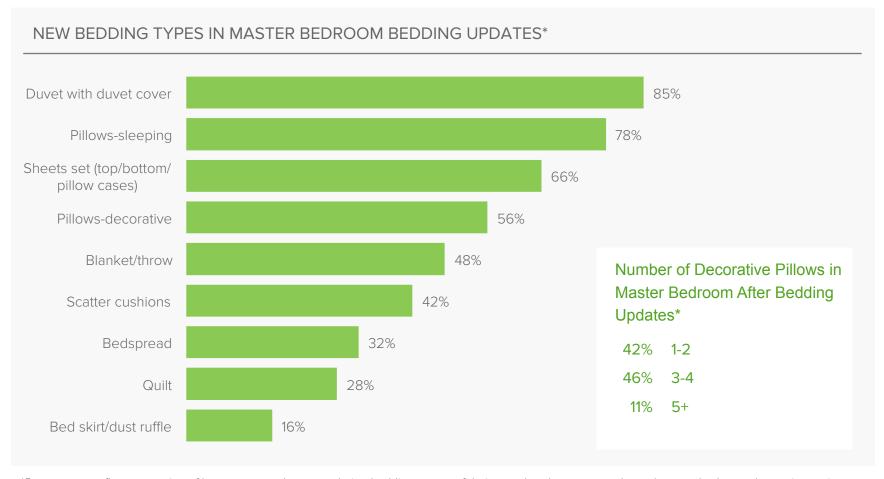


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Pillows Galore!

Two thirds (66%) of decorating homeowners are updating bedding during their master bedroom project, which includes a wide assortment of elements. Duvets are at the top of the list for new bedding. Decorative pillows have also proven popular, with more than one in 10 homeowners ending up with 5 or more after their updates.

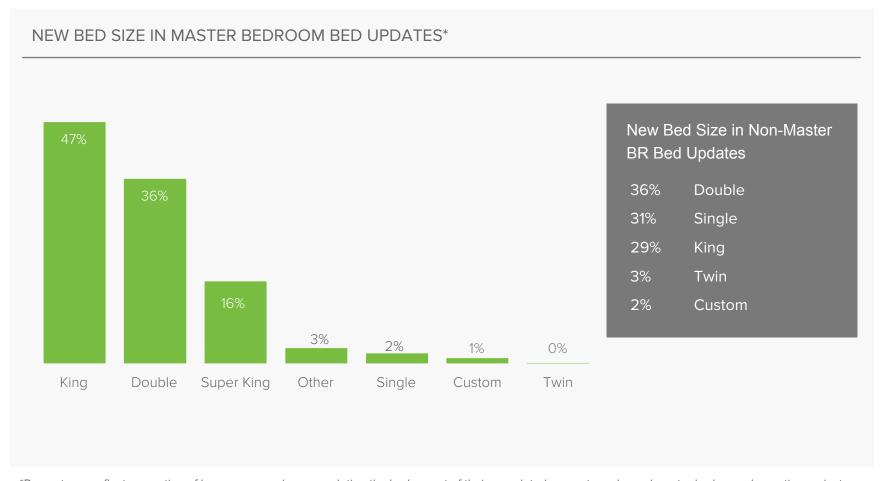


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Fit for a King

When it comes to the new bed size in master bedrooms, king proves most popular, followed by double. Beds in non-master bedrooms are most commonly double sized, followed closely by single sized.

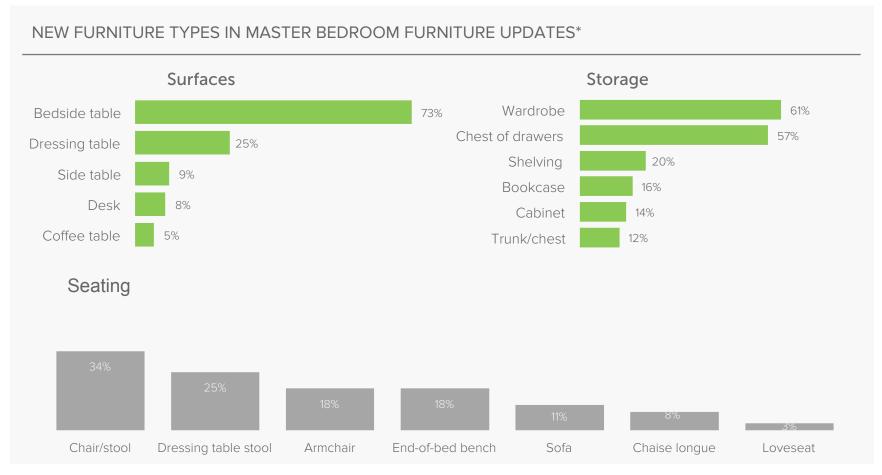


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Seating, Surfaces, Storage

Among those homeowners who are updating furniture during a master bedroom decorating project (55%), bedside tables are the most common purchase (73%), followed by wardrobes (61%) and chest of drawers (57%). Nearly one in five are investing in end-of-bed benches, for those storage needs.

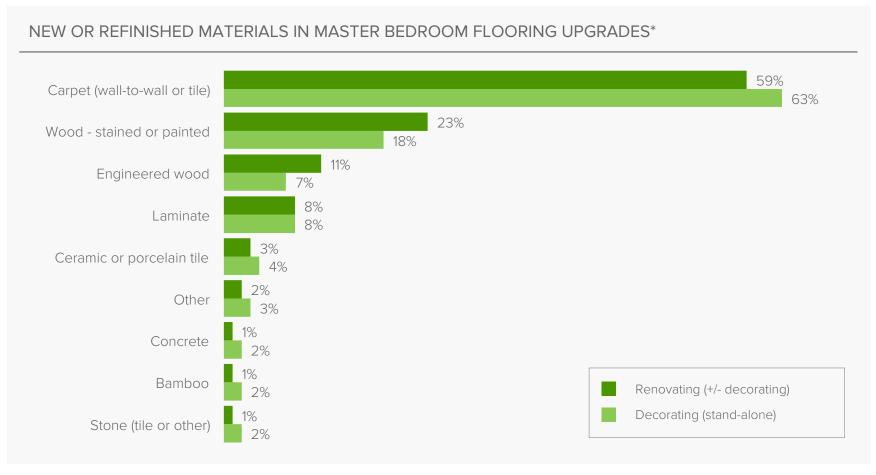


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Carpet Rules

Homeowners who are renovating and decorating their master bedrooms place an importance on replacing the flooring (81% and 48%, respectively), with the majority opting for carpet. Homeowners are twice as likely to carpet their master bedrooms than opt for wooden floors.

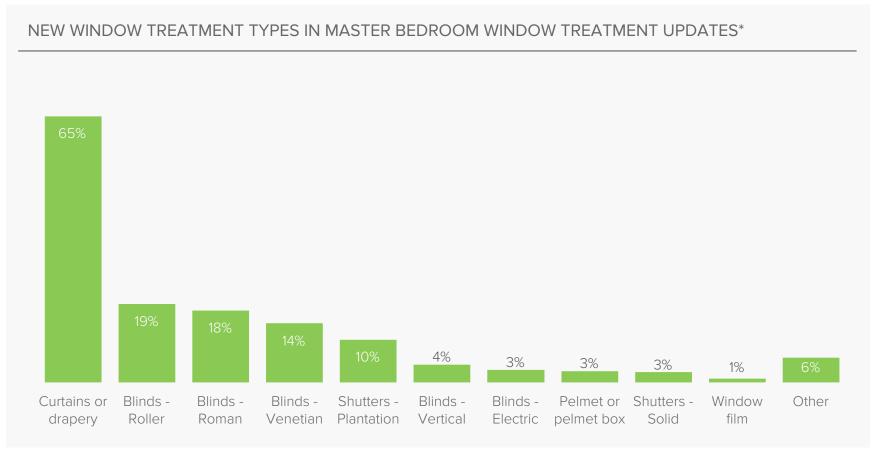


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Curtains vs. Blinds

Among those updating window treatments in their master bedroom (72%), curtains and drapery are the top choices (65%), followed by a variety of blinds. One in ten are opting for plantation shutters.

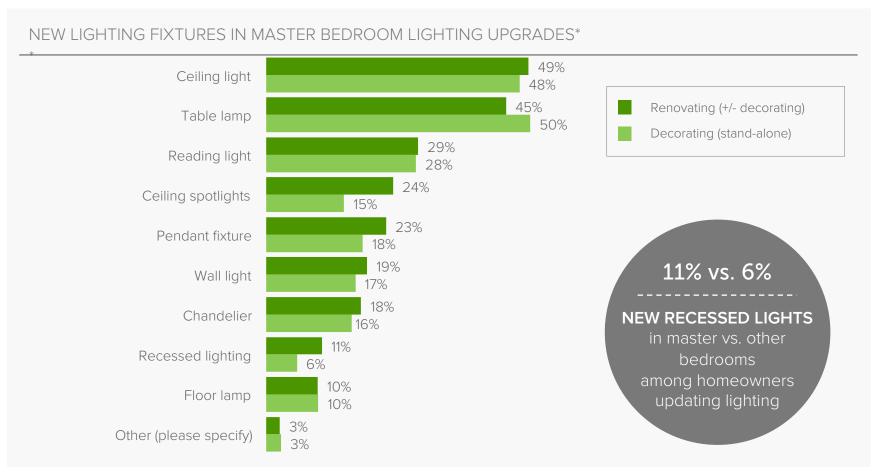


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Illuminating with Standard Lighting

While lighting fixtures are more likely to be upgraded during or just after a renovation than during a stand-alone decorating project (82% vs. 55%, respectively), general ceiling light and table lamps are top choices in both project types.

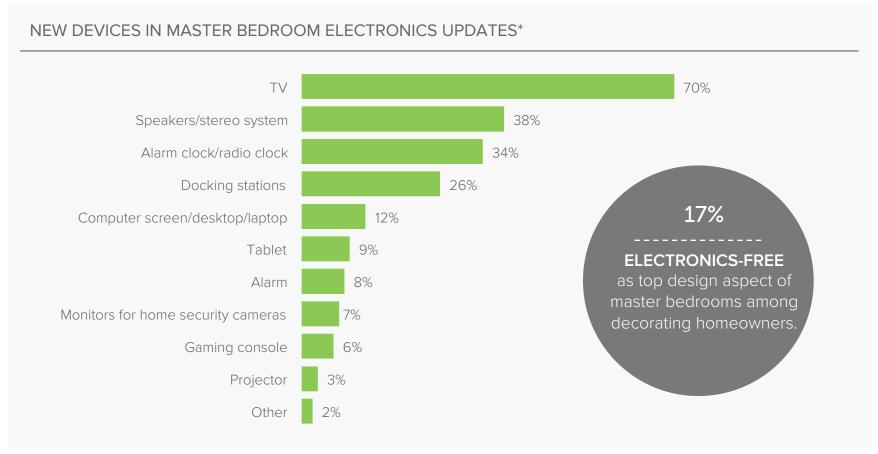


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Divided on Devices

While a fifth of decorating homeowners commit to keeping their bedroom electronic and media free (17%), another fifth will replace or purchase new electronic items (20%). Televisions are the most popular purchases, while more than one in twenty are opting to bring a game console into the master bedroom.

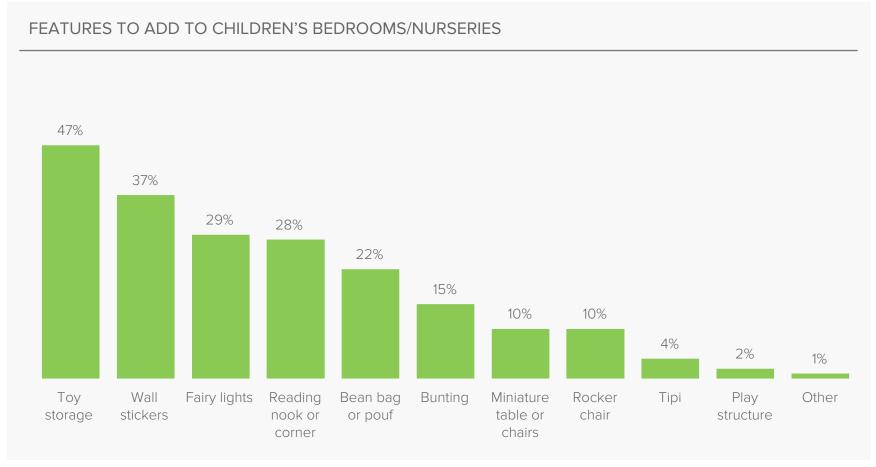


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Mini Masters

Nearly a third of Brits are decorating nursery or children's room (31%). Popular items to adorn these rooms for the little people, include toy storage, wall stickers and fairy lights. Bunting is featured in 15% of rooms.







Methodology

The survey was sent to registered Houzz users in the U.K. and fielded in September 2015.

Homeowners who completed a bedroom renovation or decorating project in the past 12 months, are currently working on one, or plan to start one in the next three months shared their plans and progress in our online survey. N=1824.

