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5. Mix it up a little

"Ask people what they want from a house and the words 'airy' and 'light-filled' will inevitably crop up. But this isn't easy to achieve when space is tight and houses often closely packed. Yet there are ways to bring light to even the dimmest of properties. Often it just takes a little imagination. For us, light and space planning is often considered more valuable than any new trend.

"We all know the little tricks that can make a room seem bigger; painting the walls white or placing mirrors in strategic spots but, above all else, getting the floorplan right is key. When things are beautifully executed they look simple, but that simplicity is the ultimate design - that's the luxury you can't buy. Think how the space should be used ahead of picking out specific finishes. In general, the higher the ceilings, the fewer the rooms, and the more glass you can introduce, the better it is when it comes to creating light.

"Mix it up! Mix up patterns and textures. Mix up old and new, expensive and inexpensive. It's really fun when we incorporate the old with the new. Wherever possible, try and integrate storage as much as you can with fitted wardrobes, for example, alternatively, look at bigger beds with storage underneath. "White works, it's sometime that easy. You'll never tire from a classic light coloured space. While trends will come and go, a white washed wall will always look timeless. "Study any of our floor plans and you'll see that they tend to be very open, with large, relaxed living areas and spacious master suites. The more open-plan you can leave the living spaces, the better."

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