



FOUNDATIONS: IT'S OH SO QUIET...

FROM COLOUR AND PATTERN THROUGH TO INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE, HERE'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PICKING THE BEST CARPET FOR ANY SPACE AT HOME

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No other floor covering evokes cosiness quite like a soft carpet underfoot. "It adds instant warmth to any room, not only visually, but physically," says Coco Tully, interior designer and founder of Cote Interiors. "The textural nature softens a space from the ground up, and nothing quite compares to the plush underfoot feeling of a velvety pile or luxuriously looped carpet." Carpet also has benefits beyond aesthetics: it's a thermal insulator, so less heat is lost through carpet compared with hard flooring, and it's also an excellent sound absorber. "Natural fibre carpets like wool also help regulate moisture in the home, and keep your space warm and dry in the winter months," says Coco.