



# Velvet Inspiration

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Velvet is a fabric which has been around for centuries, and you'll see it in Georgian or Victorian stately homes in their horsehair-stuffed settees, but it's also a very current interiors trend which shows no sign of waning.

*Here are our top tips...*

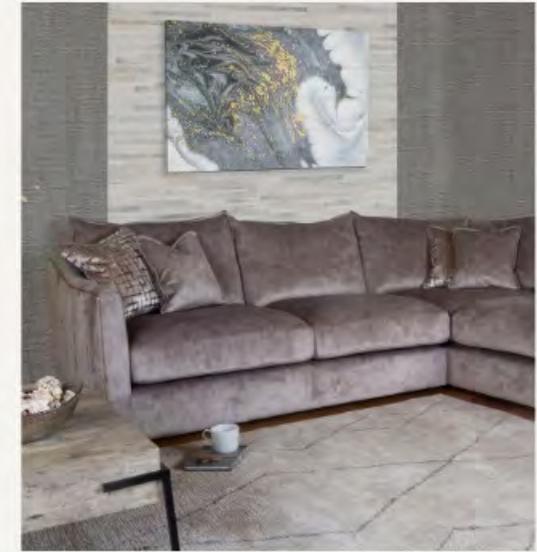
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## Velvet Sofas

For sofas and armchairs there are literally hundreds of options. When you're next in Cookes, have a look through the sample books and you'll find wonderfully tactile velvets in crushed, matt, printed, metallic, pastel, and vibrant colour ways.





## Alexander & James

If you have a Victorian house, a Chesterfield sofa or wingback armchair will look right at home, and Alexander and James have wonderful sofas, armchairs and even round footstools, with deep buttoned stitching.





## *Top Tip...*

Velvet's texture is even more stunning when contrasted with satin, linen or metallics for a dramatic, luxe effect.

When you're looking for your next sofa or chair, do take time to stroke the velvet..not just so you can feel how soft it is, but also to see how deep the 'nap' is. Some velvets are smoother and more regular than others and if you hate to see 'carpet tracks' in a just vacuumed carpet, the same thing in velvet could also make you shudder. So look for short pile, matt velvets if you prefer a more uniform look.



# Dining Chairs

Velvet used to be a somewhat impractical fabric, as it was made of silk, which aside from being quite expensive, was also very hard to keep clean. Happily, modern velvets are generally made from man-made fibres and are resilient and easy to clean, so no worries about spillages or sticky fingers on your dining suite! And don't feel you need to have all your chairs matching, contrast two or more colours in your dining room or kitchen to add a personalised flair to suit your home.



Jake Chair



Lucy Chair Gold



Lucy Chair Teal



Isabella Chair Grey



Trinity Chair Pumpkin



Charlotte Chair Teal

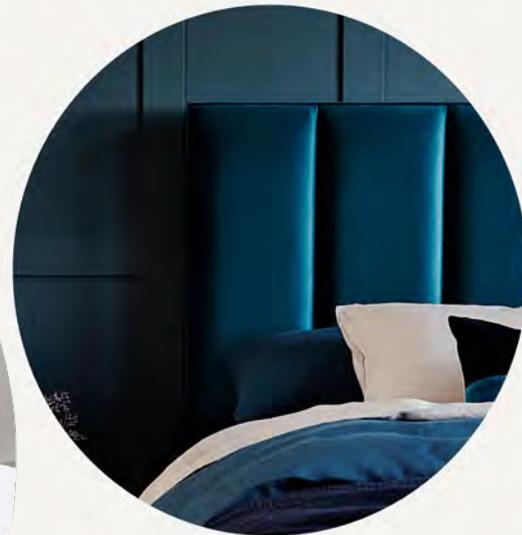
# Headboards

What says 'boutique hotel' more eloquently than an opulent upholstered bed or headboard?

Well now you can recreate the look of your favourite hotel in your own home.

Whether you fancy a traditional buttoned style, or a contemporary geometric, there are plenty of options and colours to choose from.

Think about shape and height first. If your style is feminine and your house is a period home Victorian or older, you may want to look for a classic arched top with deep Chesterfield style buttoning.





## *Our top pick...*

If Art Deco is more your thing, the Garnet is a bed of pure style and glamour.

Winged headboards are also a big trend, elevating the bed to an even grander scale if you have the space for it.

For a more contemporary look crushed velvet adds glamour and interest and consider also a squarer shaped headboard, with fewer buttons.

The latest designs have geometric details, for serious wow factor!

