

BLUE MOOD

If you're too nervous of full-on noir, try deep navy, as this may feel less threatening. Play around with finishes to boost the visual interest – here, high gloss creates a surface that bounces light around. Bring another texture to the mix with upholstery, such as this soft-velvet sofa.

GET THE LOOK For a reflective finish, try Sanderson's Rolled Steel oil-based eggshell, £48.45 for 2.5l at Chapel Interiors. The modular Cloud Corner sofa in Royal Mystic velvet, from £4,650 at Heal's, is a good match for this one.

