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*BEAUTY GOES
MAD FOR MILK*

*A lesson in overnight
stardom from Sex
Education's Emma Mackey*

Super bright

HOMEWORK

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Cushion, £59
(fermliving.com)

Pendant
light, £65, at
skandium.com

Mug by Emma
Lacey, £38, at
conranshop.co.uk

Table, from £565 (moooi.com)

Tiles, £125 per sq m (bisazza.com)

Pendant light
by Gubi, £523,
at aram.co.uk

Pendant lamp,
£155, at
skandium.com

Table
lamp, £20
(habitat.
co.uk)

Wine cooler
by Reiko
Kaneko, £48,
at scp.co.uk

Ombre
radiator, POA
(bisque.co.uk)

Terracotta BALMY

Head to any professional design fair and there's a palette that's been prevalent for some time now. Warm, inviting and easy to live with, pinkish terracotta tones are a welcome move forward from ubiquitous greys, particularly by the Scandi set. These calming shades work wonderfully with natural materials to create a cosy and relaxing space.

Shelves by Charles
& Ray Eames, from
£1,210, at vitra.com

Egg chair by
Arne Jacobsen,
£5,559, at
aram.co.uk

Sofa by Jasper Morrison,
from £3,340 (vitra.com)

Chair by Muuto,
from £1,795,
at heals.com

Side table by Hay,
£165, at store.
wallpaper.com

Lamp by Verner
Panton, £245, at
tradition.com

Plant stand, £99
(made.com)

Plant pots by
Reiko Kaneko,
from £55, at
scp.co.uk

Desk
planter, £25
(made.com)

Rotary tray, £41
(vitra.com)



Interiors guru
Sophie Hodges
on how to take
a basement
room to new
heights

INSIDE track

Q *My living room is in a basement and the ceiling is low. How can I give the illusion of more height?*

A It always helps to focus on anything that draws the eye upwards, so paint the ceiling bright white in a satin finish; it has a soft sheen that will bounce light back into the room. For the walls, vertical stripes give an instant illusion of height. I've recently discovered Ottoline wallpaper (ottoline.nl) and Swedish company Sandberg (sandbergwallpaper.com),

which has a large collection of stripes in all shades.

I would also take all lighting out of the ceiling (even downlights), as it emphasises a lack of height. Instead, stick to uplighters for a softer feel. Make sure to hang full length curtains as high as possible and place your pictures slightly higher than normal, too. The same goes for a large mirror, which will reflect light well. I think it's worth investing in vintage here, as antique mottled mirrors have so



much more character — especially the Venetian kind, as they're decorative without being OTT. B&T Antiques (bntantiques.co.uk) has a great selection.

Low-level seating also makes obvious sense, and there are so many options on the high street at the moment. Try the distinctive Toga sofa (above, inset) from Heals (heals.com) or Design Market (design-mkt.com) for an original 1970s piece.

But most importantly, think positive. Low ceilings make for a much cosier room than cavernously high ones.

