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## Luxury Comfort

Dark shades have a reputation for visually reducing the size of a living room design, but this is sometimes an advantage. Who wouldn't prefer a nice, cozy black living room where you feel good to a large, bare, lifeless space? Black will make a room that is too big or simply furnished cozier. Dark curtains will soften a somewhat raw light and insulate you from the cold temperatures, while black paint will delimit a relaxing corner or a library. In beautiful soft materials, velvet or fake fur pillows, or a Berber carpet, black will create a comforting confined atmosphere ideal for resting. Don't hesitate to break the austerity of this strong color with enveloping tones such as cream, brown, or green bottle tones, as on the interior design just seen. Also, feel free to add motifs in small touches. You will be delighted to stand up in this very personal and welcoming cocoon. Used with taste, the color black brings a very contemporary graphic touch to any living room. The proof with the design that follows!





### Bring Back the Glam!

Delicate and sophisticated this powder room is such an inspiration! This gorgeous modern bathroom is a design project With golden details, in these all-white and black marble walls. With marvelous gold details, the Shield Oval Mirror is an unforgettable designed mirror that looks exquisite in any room design creating a contemporary look while the surrounding marble walls warmth and comfort to the bathroom!







## Dark & Contemporary

Going with an all-black backdrop is not always the best choice, as most homeowners want a more relaxing and cheerful ambiance. Instead, opt for dark shades of gray or even purple, which will complement those bold black throws and pillows perfectly. Another smart approach is to pick paint in a golden hue with a matte finish so that the bedroom has a pleasant yet appealing vibe. As always, it will be the lighting fixtures, nightstands, drapes and bedding that will define the overall look. It is tempting to stay away from using dark and bright colors in the living area and using a neutral backdrop that allows you to switch between trendy accent shades with the changing seasons.

But for those who are willing to go down the daring path of creating a stunning and classy living space that taps into the beauty of black, gold is the ideal complimentary hue. While contemporary living and dining spaces in black benefit from smart gold accents, lighting fixtures and furnishings, retro and classic homes can use gold more extensively. Lighting plays a very important role here, and the smart use of ambient and accent lighting can turn the room into a sensational hangout.

