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FOR ANY STYLE

Inspired with this round-up of the latest stylish homeware collections



Above Salsa in cream, £144, polyester cotton mix, (W)70x(L)140cm, Modern Rugs.
Left Natural Berber Twist in Cluster, 80 per cent wool, 10 per cent nylon, 10 per cent tuftbond, **£28** per m², Cormar Carpets



Balta, Shaggy Finesse 420, 100 per cent wool, **£28.49** per m², www.funonthefloor.com

COSY BEDROOM FLOORS

There's nothing quite like the feel of soft carpet underfoot when you get up in the morning. In your bedroom, you can be indulgent about your choice, opting for 100 per cent wool, pale colours or high piles – options you might well have to avoid in other rooms of the house.

Why not consider Victoria Carpets' Imperial Velvet range of velvet pile carpets to give your bedroom a rich feel, or Cormar's Natural Berber Twist,

which comes in a deluxe weight for a deep pile finish? Alternatively, opt for a blast from the past with a shag pile, such as Fun on the Floor's version.

Adding a new rug can transform the look of your bedroom. Modern Rugs' Salsa Shaggy range has a long pile made from polyester and cotton. Strategically placed, a rug can add warmer tones to a large floor area, or offer a practical solution to a cold floor if placed beside the bed.

ADD A HOTEL-STYLE HEADBOARD

You don't need to buy a new bed to get the latest look. Hotel-style headboards have an imposing height and attractive upholstery, and there are now several designs on the market to help you transform a plain divan. Keep the look pared-down with a pale linen finish; create a touch of depth with richer tones; or increase detail with a velvet finish and a flash of sparkle.

You can also incorporate the latest technology into your headboard. Turn your bedroom into a relaxation zone and listen to music or watch a film with the clever Sound Asleep headboard. It has built-in speakers and plugs into an MP3 player, radio or TV. Choose from beige, black or white. Single, double and king sizes are available; prices from £100.

Luxury silver velvet and crystal headboard with buttoned upholstery, from **£539** for a five-foot bed, Juliette's Interiors



Regent headboard with buttoned upholstery, **£212** to fit a double, Sheerhome



Beaune buttoned headboard in Beige Linen, **£401**, for a five-foot bed, Sweetpea & Willow