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PROJECT PLANNING

Internal glazing

LOVE BIG, LIGHT SPACES BUT ALSO WANT TO HAVE COSY, SEPARATE ROOMS? TRY GLASS DOORS AND PARTITIONS

Glass is already popular in rear extensions, conservatories and garden rooms for all styles of home, but it's now growing in popularity as a material for partition walls and internal doors. These features will bring natural light into your property and allow it to flow through. Plus, you'll have the double advantage of the aesthetic of a large, open-plan feel but with the practical benefits of smaller, divided spaces.

THE ULTIMATE LARDER

A glass partition works successfully with a walk-in larder or pantry connected to a kitchen for both aesthetic and practical benefits. 'Having a glass partition means there is less delineation between the kitchen and larder, with a greater run of floor and ceiling space, so both rooms will appear larger,' says Richard Davonport of Davonport Kitchen & Home (davonport.com). 'The glass partition creates a boundary but ensures the two areas remain connected.'

What's more, there are practical benefits, such as being able to keep the larder cooler than the kitchen. An architect can even choose where to locate the larder, and include an air brick behind cabinetry, to keep it ventilated.

CREATE A SUITE

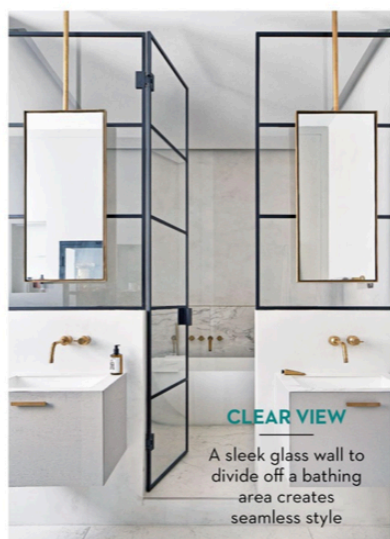
Your bedroom is your private space and, if you have an en-suite bathroom or adjacent dressing room, glazing can help the rooms connect and make the whole suite feel bigger. Glass is the preferred material for shower screens, but why not consider a glass wall to divide a bedroom and en-suite bathroom or wet room? The glass can be opaque for privacy or even be Smart Glass (see box on right) that turns opaque at the touch of a button. The same is true for a

dressing room, although a glass wall will dictate where to put clothes rails, so consider the layout carefully.

DIVIDING ROOMS

Glass walls and doors are a clever way to break up reception rooms, so that you have a series of separate areas for all the family without losing the sense of space you get from an open-plan design. They can also be used to great effect to delineate other spaces. A small room set aside as a home office suddenly feels spacious if it has a wall of glass, plus you still have peace and quiet to focus.

And of course, glass is a stunning material for a conservatory. Use a glass partition to connect the extra room to your living space, bringing natural light into the house. You can even benefit from lower electricity bills, because your rooms are lit naturally for longer.



CLEAR VIEW

A sleek glass wall to divide off a bathing area creates seamless style



“WITH A GLASS PARTITION YOU DON'T LOSE THE SENSE OF AN OPEN-PLAN SPACE”



LIVING IN STYLE

Sliding glass doors bring flexibility to this space, ensuring a view through to the dining area and, via patio doors, out to the garden

BRIGHT HALLWAY

Once a dark area in this apartment, the hall now benefits from light from the adjoining rooms spilling through panelled doors

FOCUS ON TYPES OF INTERNAL GLASS

■ OBSCURED GLASS

If privacy is a concern, consider installing obscured, reeded or coloured glass.

■ ACOUSTIC GLASS

Internal glazing tends to be thinner than external,

but you can upgrade this to 6mm or more to help limit noise transferring.

■ SMART GLASS

This technology includes a layer of liquid crystals – touch a button and clear glass turns opaque.