

# Designer Diva



Interior Hints And Tips From The Top XS Interior's Loraine Chassels Points The Way

## The magic of mono

*When black and white is picture perfect!*

Black has long been the favourite of fashion designers throughout the ages. There is no getting away from the fact that Chanel and her 'little black dress' started the roll and the ball has never stopped rolling since. Interior designers throughout the world have exactly the same passion for black and love it's diverse qualities. Sometimes it whispers, sometimes it shouts. Black can coyly befriend or passionately embrace. Black can do all of these. Used sparingly or flamboyantly black is THE most magic of colours and it's back with a vengeance this season. Here are just a few of my favourite room sets where black is the star of the show. Can you see why?

### **Traditional With A Twist**

The traditional style ebony painted furniture is uplifted using a quirky four poster bed in this moody room set. Where black is very dominant good lighting elevates the mood.

### **Contemporary Classic**

In this relaxing lounge black just whispers. With cream being the dominant colour in the room the tendency could be towards the bland. However; the black framed bookcase and lamp are just enough to 'ground' the scheme.

### **Transitional And Eclectic**

In this monochromatic interior, glass and mirror create contrast and multi dimensionality. The reflective quality of mirror further enhances the magic.

### **Modern Packs A Punch**

Black and white are great bed mates and used with gusto make a strong statement. Not for the fainthearted, this cocky room set shouts 'hey look at me'.... and why not, being the life and soul of the party always gets you noticed!

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