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THE BRIEF

Challenges:

Undefined Zoning: Open-plan layout lacks clear boundaries; living area merges with dining room.

Harsh Lighting: Overhead grid lighting creates a sterile atmosphere instead of warmth.

Spatial Proportions & Privacy: Low ceilings feel oppressive; areas like the bathroom and kitchen lack necessary softness and privacy.

Underutilized Architecture & Storage: Empty or cluttered chimney breast recesses make the room feel smaller than it is and not enough storage for young family.

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THE GOAL

To transform the undefined open space into a cohesive sanctuary with distinct, grounded zones. We aim to move away from overhead sterility to cultivate a "human-level" ambience—prioritizing warmth, "cosy light," and intimacy. By visually stretching the ceiling height and "colour drenching" the architecture, the objective is to make the room feel significantly larger and grander, while introducing softness and texture to create a finished, settled home.



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LAYOUT



Position existing console table behind the sofa with accessories and table lamps. Add a large area rug (200x300) to fit the sofa legs and other furniture, creating a distinct zone from the dining room.

LIGHTING



Eliminate reliance on the overhead grid. Focus on "human-level" lighting: a floor lamp by the armchair and a table lamp on the side table for cosy light. Add rechargeable picture lights above artwork and wall sconces over the dining table.

WINDOW TREATMENTS



Install curtain poles 15 cm above the living room windows to make ceilings appear higher. Use café-style blinds in the bathroom and kitchen to soften the look and improve privacy.

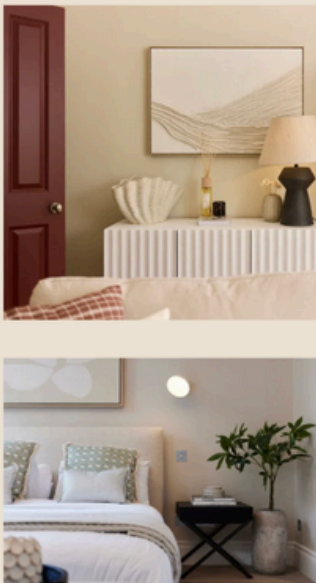
JOINERY



Install custom joinery on either side of the chimney breast in the recesses. Use colour drenching (same colour as walls & woodwork) to enlarge the space. Add blinds in the glass panels for texture and pattern.

THE PLAN

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NEXT STEPS

1. **Start the Shift:** Clear the alcoves and reposition the console table. These zero-cost tweaks will instantly reset the room's energy.

2. **Shop the Look** You have the measurements and the lighting rules. Use "The Plan" as your checklist to hunt for your own treasures.

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