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5 The perfect MIRRORS AND ART

One of the most effective ways to add personality to any hallway is the considered use of art and mirrors. “Go oversize on hallway mirrors,” advises Laura Stephens. “In a narrow space, take full advantage of high ceilings and choose a mirror that is as tall as possible, as the reflection creates an illusion of depth and space.”

When it comes to artwork, Stephens says she is also often drawn to oversized pieces for their impact and the character they can bring to any hallway. Another option is a gallery wall of smaller pieces. “This allows you to add to the design with more pieces over time,” she notes.

6 The perfect FURNITURE

“Incorporate functional yet stylish furniture, such as a slim or wall-hung console table in a narrow hallway,” recommends interior designer Claire Garner. In a larger hall, a circular table creates a focal point, perhaps with a welcoming display of flowers, but it does need to be positioned to avoid obstructing the flow through the space. If there is room, a comfortable chair, bench or sofa makes a spot to sit and put on shoes, while a chest or sideboard can make a statement piece to add character to the design. ▶



TOP LEFT In this slender hallway, a floor-to-ceiling Light Bronze antiqued mirror, from £720 a square metre by Dominic Schuster, reflects light and boosts the sense of space.

LEFT The Avalon console, £3,900 from Trove by

Studio Duggan, and large artwork create an arresting feature in this compact hallway.

OPPOSITE Here, the circular Stratford table, from £1,995 by Neptune, occupies pride of place and creates a focal point.