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# House rules

Designer Miminat Shodeinde shares her decor must-haves to achieve her assured and peaceful look – just make sure you never slam a door around her



Every Miminat project includes some natural stone

**The main emotional response a home should be evoking in you is one of peace and Zen.** Your home should be a place that makes you calm and be decorated in whatever colours and materials you need to feel that way.

**I think we all need to have statements in our lives.** I'm in a red moment – it's really sexy and fits my vibe. Use it in a kitchen and bathroom or a fireplace, particularly Red Jasper marble.

**Colour palettes are really about layering textures.** The colours are the last things – it should be about how the textures interact with each other. A home is boring if everything is the same – mix a glazed finish with a honed one and a brushed one.

**Stone must feature in every project.** It's very grounding to be surrounded by stone. Yes, it is a cold material, but I love to walk barefoot on it – it makes you feel very glam. And for that

reason, I'll always ensure it has underfloor heating beneath it.

**Scent is everything.** Candles, incense, even hidden diffuse pumps that exhale fragrance secretly into your house. My family is Muslim Nigerian and in our community we use incense a lot. I'm drawn to woody scents, which are powerful and earthy. And if you're going to have a signature home fragrance, make it strong.

**Hardware really matters, right down to the bolts in a chair.** Consider whether they're brushed or polished or tarnished – those details are important. If you have stainless-steel hardware then you need some polished gold screws to contrast it.

**I hate it when doors on a cabinet slam – how they shut is very important.** You don't want any unnecessary noise – peace is the ultimate luxury.

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