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Matching materials

Create a cohesive look throughout your interior by updating the staircase with timber elements to match doors and floors. This staircase features solid oak, while other options are walnut, maple, ash and sapele. There's a choice of classic and contemporary rails and spindles, or glazed options including bracketed glass and smaller embedded glass spindles.

Right Solid oak newel posts and rails with 10mm toughened embedded glass, strings and aprons clad in 6mm oak veneer, plus feature oak curtail step, £7,800, Abbott Wade



Floating design

Make a dramatic impact with a cantilevered staircase, where the treads look as if they are defying gravity but are actually fully supported by the wall on one side. This style of staircase can be fitted into an older home during a renovation and needs a structurally sound wall to conceal the support framework; alternatively, a steel wall can be built to anchor the treads. Finishes for the steps include timber, stone, Corian or even glass, for an awe-inspiring minimalist look.

Right Bespoke cantilevered staircase with wall-anchored walnut treads and glass balustrade, £42,000, Bisca



Total revamp

If your staircase is looking dated but there are no structural issues, consider refurbishing it. The work can be carried out over a weekend, and you can swap every non-structural element to create a bespoke design. Choose between carpet and timbers such as oak and walnut for the treads and, for posts and balustrades, select from glass, wood and cast iron.

Above Staircase refurbishment with oak handrails and newel posts, and glass panels, from £2,000, Neville Johnson



Statement details

Give your staircase a contemporary twist by swapping the balustrade for panels featuring fabric. Sandwiching strands of chiffon between sheets of laminated glass, this unique design creates a more fluid effect than a traditional baluster, and lets the light through to brighten the space. Other fabrics can be used, as well as metal foils for a more glamorous effect, and the panels can be fitted to any staircase.

Left Laminated glass panels with fabric inserts, £600 per m², Keir Townsend