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Slanted Ceilings: An Opportunity for Serenity and Charming Interior Design

A bed under the eaves, a cozy corner for reading, and four other ways to make the most of the odd spaces slanted ceilings create



PAPAYAS, PAPAYAS, AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE Designers David Gibson and Jorge Perez Martin plastered large-scale, funky wallpaper on the slanted walls of a chopped-up garret in a Gloucestershire, England, country home, transforming it into a bathroom at first startling, then soothing.

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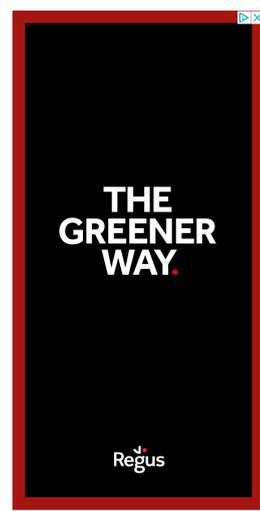
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IN DISNEY'S 1950 animated film "Cinderella," the eponymous heroine is consigned to sleeping in an ostensibly punishing attic room. Despite dreary stone walls and rough-hewn floorboards, however, her little single bed tucked under the beams of a right-there roof looks kind of cozy. "Low ceilings create immediate intimacy," said Brett Phillips, of High Street Homes in Fort Worth, Texas. And though some might find slanted ceilings a decorating challenge, Mr. Phillips roots for them. They "need to be embraced and celebrated, especially in second-story spaces where roof lines create interesting angles," he said. Here, six ways to rescue the random spaces under a home's eaves from disrepute.

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"A great way to take advantage of the space under a slanted roof is to incorporate a low piece of furniture, such as a desk," said Marco Angelucci, design director at Marguerite



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