

TRAITOR-INSPIRED INTERIORS: HOW TO GET THE VIRAL 'CASTLE CORE' LOOK TAKING THE COUNTRY BY STORM

Thursday 9th January: Last week, the highly anticipated third installment of the hit series, 'The Traitors' returned to our screens, bringing some much-needed cheer to the gloomy January evenings. And, with [Pinterest](#) predicting that 'Castlecore' will continue to inspire both our interior and fashion choices in the year ahead and searches for 'castle core' soaring to a peak in the first week of January, it's clear that medieval is having a major moment.

With some contestants praising Claudia for how she decked out the castle in the first episodes (as the hearts of set designers broke around the country) the regal backdrop of Ardross Castle has also captured fans' attention for its dramatic interiors since the launch of the show.

For those looking to recreate the dramatic décor within their own home, **B&Q Interiors Expert, Gill Baker** has shared her top tips and product recommendations. For more B&Q Traitors-inspired recommendations, take a look at our trending page now live here <https://www.diy.com/trending>.

Gill says: "From rich textures and classic colour palettes to statement pieces that exude opulence, adopting a Traitors-inspired look can seriously transform your home into a setting worthy of grandeur. However, you don't need to be a traitor to the current look of your home to capture the elegance of the show. Instead, be faithful to your original décor and focus on a few key elements to bring the look to life. Start with deep, bold tones, antique-inspired furnishings, and mood lighting to add depth. Incorporate luxurious materials like velvet, elaborate patterns, and timeless wood finishes to evoke a sense of history and elegance."

1. Embrace Deep, Rich Colour Palettes

Opt for lavish hues like emerald green, navy blue, rich burgundy, and warm golds and brass finishing touches. These colours create a sense of drama, evoking castle interiors. Incorporate these shades into walls, and accessories for a moody and mysterious look.



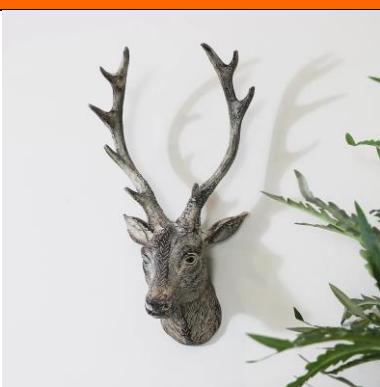
[Lick Red 06 Matt Emulsion paint](#) - £45

[Dulux Trade Heritage DH Oxford Blue Velvet matt Wall paint](#) - £46

[Inca Genuine Brown Leather Storage Stool](#)
£198.49

2. Incorporate Statement Furniture

Choose furniture with classic silhouettes and luxurious materials. Incorporate velvet armchairs, and antique-style wooden tables. Pieces with carved details or brass accents can add a sense of heritage and Highland style.

Gill's picks:		
		
<u>Melody Maison Rustic Wall Mounted Metal Stag Head</u> £38.95	<u>Chesterfield Club Chair New England Texas Brown Leather In Balmoral Style</u> £1,890.79	<u>Contemporary Fireside 4pc Companion Set</u> <u>Freestanding Fireplace Tool Accessory Set Pewter</u> <u>Antique Fire Set</u> - £58
		
<u>Tiger Opulent Foil Printed Luxury Black Velvet Filled Cushion</u> - £11.99	<u>6ft Premium Pub Style Snooker & Pool Games Table</u> - £237.99	<u>Melody Maison Gold Sitting Leopard Bookends</u> - £26.95

3. Layer Textures for Depth

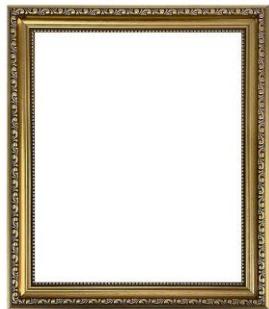
Include rich textures such as velvet and tartan, upholstery and curtains. Pair these with materials like stone or wood for a balanced look that feels timeless. Add a plush faux fur throw for an extra layer of comfort, cosines and style.

Gill's picks:		
		
<u>GoodHome Podor Grey Check Indoor Cushion - £14</u>	<u>Valgreta Dark green Velvet Lined Eyelet Curtain - £80</u>	<u>Gallery™ Sterling Taupe Plain Velvet Throw - £43.99</u>
		
<u>Cheshire Mouldings Pine Dado Wall panelling kit - £32.97</u>	<u>Fresco Cosy Green & red Tartan Smooth Wallpaper - £19</u>	<u>Chesterfield 3 Seater Velvet Rosso Red Sofa Bespoke In Balmoral Style- £1,253.47</u>

4. Add Vintage or Antique Inspired Decor

Introduce elements that showcase history and character. Think vintage-style candle stick holders during your very own round table moment, grand mirrors or elaborate picture frames. These additions can make your space feel like it has a story to tell - or a secret to keep!

Gill's picks:



[Set of 8 Vintage Luxury Grey Diamond Embossed Drinking Wine Glass Wine Goblets](#) - £22

[Shabby Chic Antique Gold Picture Photo Frame](#) - £21

[Berkfield Wall Mirror Castle Style](#) - £74

5. Focus on Grand Lighting

Lighting sets the tone for any space. Layer lighting with dramatic chandeliers, or lantern-style fixtures to create a castle-inspired atmosphere. Look for designs with metal finishes, or intricate patterns to elevate the room's Traitors aesthetic.

Gill's picks:



[Edinburgh Matt Black Antique brass effect Floor light](#) - £95



[ValueLights Memphis Style Antique Brass Barley Twist 5 Way Ceiling Light Chandelier](#) - £56.99



[Black Metal Lantern](#) - £15

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