

43 Vaulted Ceilings Ideas That Take Rooms to New Heights

Bathrooms, basements, and wine rooms all benefit from the added elegance of a vaulted ceiling

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Look up! There is no shortage of incredible vaulted ceiling ideas that go beyond dressing the home with a chandelier or ceiling beams. “The benefit of having vaulted ceilings is they give extra ceiling height that normally wouldn’t be available,” says Chelsea Thowe, lead designer at Forge & Bow in Fort Collins, Colorado. “The vaults add visual interest and make the room feel larger than it actually is.” If you are stuck with popcorn ceilings, for instance, ask your contractor if your home design is amendable to vaulted ceilings. They can truly make the space feel as if it’s a completely new construction.

“Vaulted ceilings give a great opportunity to pump up the personality of a room,” says Los Angeles designer Peter Dunham. “Are you looking to make it more rustic? More detailed and richer? Or is it to make it a more nautical feeling? When you have vaulted ceilings there’s so much more you can do than with just a flat ceiling.”

Interior designers have been using this trick for years to elevate living room design, bring coziness into a family room, and even [transform sunrooms](#). And if you think that cathedral ceiling ideas are too grand, know that vaulted ceiling ideas can work with any house style—from [modern farmhouse](#) to [midcentury-modern](#) bungalows. Read on for 43 of our favorite designs.



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Allow for Airiness

Vaulted cathedral ceilings add grandeur to the space. “The goal behind creating these vaulted cathedral ceilings was to expand the vertical dimension of the volume,” says Philip Consalvo, AIA, principal of [PJCArchitecture](#) in New York. “By elevating the ceilings, we achieved a dual benefit: we enabled the interior space to have a sense of airiness and lightness, and also established a connection between the home and the sky through strategically placed skylights.”