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INSIDE DESIGNER NICOLA HARDING'S OWN RURAL RENOVATION PROJECT  
THE ULTIMATE CANOPIED BEDS / THE BEST MODERN COUNTRY HOUSES



## Pretty elegant

**(Top left)** You do not need great ceiling height to carry off a curtained bed with style. In the house of architect **Gil Schafer** (gpschafer.com) in Maine, both the curtains and pelmet are supported by ceiling-mounted tracks, dispensing with the need for bedposts and creating a charming hideaway. **(Top right)** By using the same small print on the headboard, bed curtains and lampshades in this Verbier bedroom, **Philip Hooper** (sybilcofax.com) has made a cosy, inviting haven. Rather than being overwhelming, it simplifies the look, making it feel decorated with commitment. **(Bottom left)** A pretty patterned fabric can bring so much personality to a bedroom. Here, **Penny Morrison** (pennymorrison.com) has dressed twin beds using her own 'Pasha' linen in a scheme that will delight lovers of the classic country bedroom. **(Bottom right)** Creating the effect of a half-tester without the actual bed structure offers a lighter way to get the look. Gathered voile curtains and unlined pelmets add softness and height to twin bobbin beds in this room by **Palmer Weiss** (palmerweiss.com).

