A GRAND ENTRY STAIRWELL

"It's a visual greeting, setting the tone for what's to come in a beautiful home," says decorator Markham Roberts, who likes to temper the formality with simple yet captivating elements like landscape murals, richly woven rush matting, and patterned runners. "These can enhance the curve of the stair, add texture, or take away any austerity in the architecture to make the entry more welcoming."



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