



Making the most of a small space

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In the last couple of years, our homes have become more important than ever. Not only a place to rest your head or catch up on your favourite shows, for many of us, the living quarters have become offices, classrooms and even gyms. For some this hasn't been a problem, having enough space to fit their work life and comforts with room to spare, but for many of us, life is getting a little cluttered. With this in mind, here are a few ways you can make the most of your small space.

Smarter storage.

We all like things, owning this is great and makes us feel better, but finding a place for all your things can be hard. You could fill your rooms with boxes, draws, and wardrobes but that will fill up your floor space very quickly. For bathrooms and kitchens, consider towel rails on the back of your door. This simple solution allows space for your towels without surrendering a draw or counter space. A similar technique can be used on your cupboards to increase your storage space per cupboards. It's also worth considering creative solutions for countertop storage. Free standing shelves on your countertops can limit the space taken to store more useful items. These are also subtle storage solutions for the bedroom. The use of underbed storage is well known and often advised for small bedrooms but it is also an idea to take hoops from a shower rail and use them to hang multiple tank tops onto one hanger.

Shelving solutions.

You should consider making use of empty wall space. Floating shelves can fill in the empty wall space and provide a smart way of storing books, lamps, pictures, and various items while leaving floor space for furniture and general passage. They can also be placed in plenty of useful places, over doors, under stairs, behind sofas and even in corners. For book collectors, multiple floating shelves can turn any room into a personal library. Corner shelves can be great for small bathrooms or bedrooms, storing shower products, soaps and toothbrushes in your bathroom, or a lamp, books, or plants, functioning as a bedroom side table. It's also worth considering smaller shelves. A simple little shelf under your cupboards can function as a spice rack whereas one over your taps can hold cleaning products or even replace a drying rack.

Functional furnishing.

It can be a struggle to find furniture you like that doesn't fill your room entirely. In that vein, many people are choosing smarter, more tactical furniture. Sofas with hidden storage can provide comfort and practicality all in one, or alternatively, even a fold out bed. Console tables are a good choice for someone wanting a place to eat or work that can sit behind a sofa or near a window. Alternatively, a fold out desk can provide a great workspace that can disappear when it's not needed and a tilt out bin works in a similar light. For those needing reminders or a place to put their post, a notice board or post storage can hang nicely on the side of a fridge or cabinet. It's also possible to make a room feel bigger with smart decorations. Using a large mirror can light up a room and make the room itself seem larger than it really is.

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