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Small space style

A diminutive property needn't stifle your creative flair. With some smart thinking and a few artful touches, you can maximise your space and create a gorgeous, airy home.

They say size isn't everything. When it comes to your home, though, none of us would say no to a little bit extra. Here in the UK, we have the smallest living spaces in Europe by quite a considerable margin. There are, however, many advantages to living in a more compact home. ‘Small spaces are more economical to run,’ points out Elizabeth Willhide, author of Small Spaces. ‘And because the surface areas you are dealing with are more limited, you can choose more luxurious materials and high-end details. Small-space living also concentrates the mind as, with less room to play with, you need to be quite focused and selective – which is no bad thing.’

‘Start by thinking about the house as a whole and assess the areas where things are tight,’ suggests architect Mark Dyson. ‘Think about your priorities and how you need to use the space, then you can plan multifunctional zones.’

Living in a restricted space means your home has to work much harder, but clever design, careful planning and a considered approach will allow it to run smoothly without compromising an inch of your own personal style.'
Kitchens

With much emphasis these days on huge kitchens, living areas, it's easy to think that if your home is small, then an Elizabeth Wilhide points out, "Professional cooks prefer a more compact kitchen so they are easier to work in." It is busy, getting professional design input, and keep things uncluttered, a smaller space and benefits from being as fine as possible. Choose fitted units, which are the best option for making a small space more efficiently.

CLOVER SOLUTIONS

* Most units finish short of the ceiling, which is a waste of valuable inches. Choose full-height storage and keep knee-space firms to the higher cupboards. Alternatively, install white units into any space.
* If necessary, consider the kitchen along the wall. This is the maximum, within you can fit a compact but very usable kitchen in to your architect Mark Denson, "This will accommodate an under-counter fridge, oven, hob, sink with a concealed bin, a slimline dishwasher and storage while still providing the maximum doorways required between the sink and larder."
* A utility room houses your washing machine and a shelf in a deep cupboard, says architect Paul McArdle. "With the appliance behind the sliding door."
* Keep cleaning materials, deep-freezers and space to hand with some extra storage in the back of the work surface. Use cool storage. Use cool storage. Use cool storage. Use cool storage. Use cool storage. Use cool storage. Use cool storage. Use cool storage. Use cool storage. Use cool storage.
* Miscellaneous shoe storage bedroom and smart storage keep them neat and cluttered surfaces (don't forget low storage)." says Giorgio Mac Laren of De Berris. And the architect. "Pots, drawers, are perfect for storing flat boxes for small boxes; use boxes."

* Mix the feeling of light in a space-shuffled kitchen with reflective surfaces, such as high-gloss lacquer, a glass worktop, chrome or even a mirrored splashback.

9 BE BOLD WITH DECOR

10 TUCK AWAY AN IRONING BOARD

1. Don't let your valuable inches go to waste. Instead build storage shelves up to the ceiling. Some counter-depth ovens are counter-depth and can be installed again. Don't forget an open worktop, oven, and Hob. Open up, make tall units above.

2. Install tall fitted units. Ensure the units are deep enough to accommodate a standard oven, sink, and worktop. Make sure everything is accessible and easy to reach.

3. Floating shelves can be a great way to make use of space and display decorative items. Keep them simple and avoid cluttering the space.

4. Consider using mirrors to create the illusion of more space. Mirrors can also reflect light, making the space feel brighter and more open.

5. Use vertical storage solutions, such as tall cabinets or shelves, to maximize the use of vertical space.

6. Don't forget to consider the lighting. Use a combination of overhead lights and task lighting to create a well-lit space.

7. Add some greenery to brighten up the space. Houseplants can add a pop of color and bring life to the kitchen.

8. Consider using glass or stainless steel appliances to create a modern and sleek look.

9. Having a small space doesn't mean you have to sacrifice style. Build in a gallery kitchen with deep drawers of colour on the walls, coordinating backs and textured cabinets in a contemporary, eye-catching finish. Stools from £69.99 and spray finishes with Polished brass, from £59.99.

10. A bulky ironing board can take up space, so why not try an ironing board that pulls in and out, deep drawer space with a Bild ironing board that pulls in and out, deep drawer space with Bild ironing board that pulls in and out.
Bathrooms

"The majority of bathrooms nowadays show space the size of a bedroom," says Interior Designer of Villa Strand, "so really the average bathroom in the UK is around the size of a small living room, so it's essential to make the most of every inch. Compact ceramics ranges can be a real boon. Bathrooms that are smaller than they are deep can solve all kinds of problems."继续阅读 "But a corner unit can allow you to have a vanity on the corner of a bedroom, with a column, and still sit in the space of a regular corner bath. Or choose a compact tub, which can fit in rooms for something else." Check out the Space and Design ranges by Villa Strand.

Clever Solutions

- "In a room with small bathrooms, it's important to keep it as small as possible. This will allow you to have more space for storage without detracting from the room itself." says Mark Dennis, the Managing Director of BISBEE.
- "The beauty of bathrooms is that they can be as small or as large as you need them to be. It's all about making the most of the space you have."
- "To make the most of a small bathroom, it's important to use storage solutions that are both functional and attractive."

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13 MAX YOUR DIMENSIONS

14 FIT A MINI TUB

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