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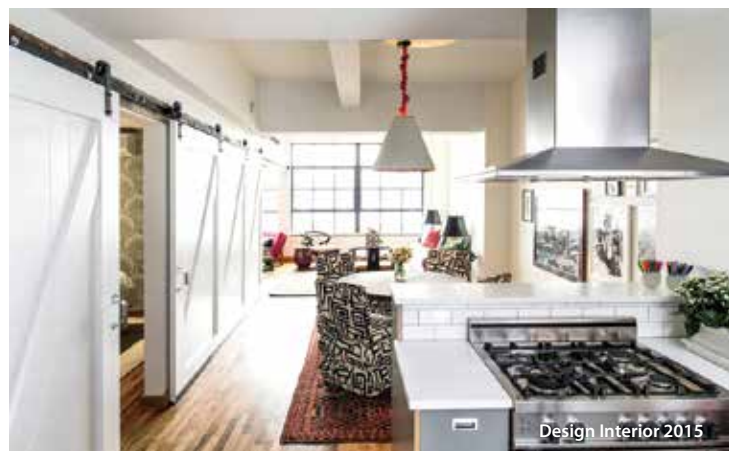


THINK BIG

Small spaces can be difficult to design, but just because there is less square footage, doesn't mean your room has to look small. Optical illusions trick the mind into thinking something is there when it's really not. So, don your hat and cape, and wave your magic wand – here are some simple ideas that will make your small space seem big.

SMALL SPACES WITH BIG DESIGN

By Frances Parrish



Color Ruse

Painted walls can help divide a small space like a loft or studio into separate defined areas. A light wall color in the kitchen, like yellow, can brighten the space and complement natural light from windows. Be conscious of too many different colors, however, which can be overwhelming in small rooms. Use neutral tones with pops of color that unify each room. If you have an unusually small room or awkward space, white walls are a simple and perfect solution for adding an airy feeling.

Smoke and Mirrors

Use natural light as much as you can – it's an instant room enlarger. Mirrors will help reflect the natural light and bounce it all over the room, making it appear bigger and brighter.

Trick the Eye

If space is scarce and furniture selective, use pieces that are multi-functional like a daybed as a couch, and ottoman as a coffee table or a dresser with drawers for storage as a TV stand.

Disappearing Act

Clutter in small spaces only accentuates the enclosed feeling. Keep clutter clear of corners and surfaces using simple storage solutions, or the “less is more” philosophy by keeping only functional items at your fingertips.

Set the Stage

Scale your furniture to your space – oversized pieces can actually make your room look smaller. Statement-makers should be in the form of color, art or accessories and furniture should remain comfortable, functional and most of all, appropriately sized for the dimensions of the room. Furniture is sold in sets because it's convenient and helpful for those who lack the time, desire or ability to design their space; to get a truly perfect fit and curated look, search for those ideal pieces! ❖