DESIGNING BIGS DESIGNING BACES

When it comes to interior design, every inch of space must contribute to a single, breathtaking experience. But as living spaces grow more expensive each year, homeowners need to be extra creative when utilizing every square foot.

> **TO PUT THINGS** IN PERSPECTIVE. **BELOW ARE SOME INTERESTING FACTS:**

MILLENNIALS LOVE **MICRO-HOUSING.**

According to the Census Bureau, the number of single-person households grew **17%**^[1] since 1970.

APARTMENT UNITS ARE GETTING SMALLER.

A study conducted by **RENTCafe** and Yardi Matrix reveals that the average size of rental apartments shrank by - 8%^[2] in 2016.

SMALL ROOMS GET EVEN SMALLER.

TO MAKE MORE.

THEY'LL CONTINUE

Populous cities like New York[3] and San Franciso^[4] already have hundreds of micro-apartments available for rent. Others like Miami^[5], Seattle^[6], and Lost Angeles^[7] are slowly catching up with more units being cleared for occupancy or undergoing construction.

MAKING MORE OUT OF LESS

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BEDROOM

You may already be out of college,

USE A LOFT BED

but it's still one of the best, multipurpose tools that can maximize space.

If lofts are too preppy for your taste, opt instead

for a convertible sleeper sofa. Not only do these beauties save space, they can also be positioned practically anywhere.

...OR AN OTTOMAN SLEEPER

COLOR SCHEME

HAVE A LIGHT

PUT SINKS AND

Light colors provide the illusion of space. They also cultivate a more

relaxing atmosphere, which is why they are perfect for your bedroom.

BATHROOM

TOILETS IN THE CORNER

In a small bathroom, anything sitting at the

center is a huge obstruction. If possible, make sure sinks and toilets are situated in corners.

Rather than using a glass door that swings in and out, use a shower curtain that can flow in

USE A SHOWER CURTAIN

any direction. In case you really want glass, choose panels that slide instead. **USE WIDER MIRRORS**

Installing mirrors that stretch across the wall enables two or more people to use

MAGNETS WORK WONDERS Using magnetic strips to organize your cutlery is

KITCHEN

USE PEGBOARDS

USE THE CEILING

Have excess pots and ceiling space?

Then you may need to install a pot rack or two over your head.

exactly what you need in an undersized kitchen

it simultaneously.

for non-metal items.

a great way to save cupboard space. Magnetic racks can also be used on the side of your fridge

PURCHASE MULTI-PURPOSE PRODUCTS

From over-the-sink chopping boards to all-in-one food processors, multi-purpose products are

VERYWHERE ELSE

HANG ARTWORK HIGH

> other knick-knacks must be hung above eye level.

To create the illusion

paintings, clocks, and

of a tall ceiling, wall

decorations like

doors, go for cheaper, more rustic barn doors.

SLIDING DOORS ARE YOUR FRIENDS

spaces since they don't require

extra space to be swung open. If you have no budget for pocket

These are perfect for small

Going for low-sitting chairs is also another way to make rooms appear taller.

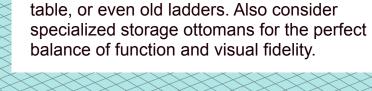
FURNITURE

USE LOW PROFILE

GO FOR SMART STORAGE With a little creativity, you can turn anything

LIGHTING CAN MAKE ANY ROOM BIGGER

The angle, direction, and brightness of lights can affect the visual size of any room. For example, soft light reflected against a colored wall can make the room appear longer. It's also a good idea to use recessed lighting to save even more space.



into storage space – be it your bed, coffee

