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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.

THEY'LL CONTINUE TO MAKE MORE.

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.

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BEDROOM

USE A LOFT BED

You may already be out of college, 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

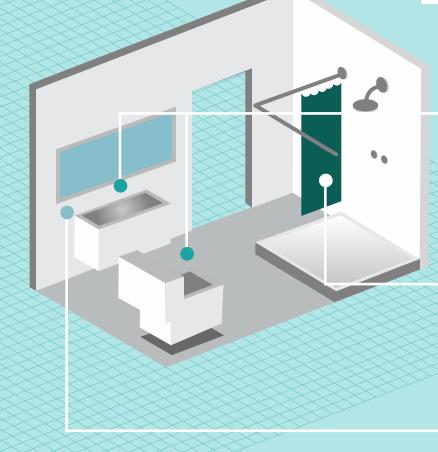
COLOR SCHEME

HAVE A LIGHT

BATHROOM

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

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



PUT SINKS AND

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

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

KITCHEN

USE PEGBOARDS

USE THE CEILING

Have excess pots and ceiling space?

for non-metal items.

Then you may need to install a pot rack or two over your head. **PURCHASE MULTI-**

From over-the-sink chopping boards to all-in-one

PURPOSE PRODUCTS

food processors, multi-purpose products are exactly what you need in an undersized kitchen

VERYWHERE ELSE



decorations like paintings, clocks, and

other knick-knacks must be hung above eye level.

If you have no budget for pocket doors, go for cheaper, more rustic barn doors.

These are perfect for small

spaces since they don't require

extra space to be swung open.

SLIDING DOORS ARE YOUR FRIENDS

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

USE LOW PROFILE

FURNITURE

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

into storage space - be it your bed, coffee

specialized storage ottomans for the perfect

table, or even old ladders. Also consider

balance of function and visual fidelity.

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.

