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# Small Space Decorating (Better Homes And Gardens) (Better Homes And Gardens Home)



## Synopsis

Make the most of small living spaces Do you live in tight quarters? Is your pad's smaller square footage cramping your style? Well, living in a small space doesn't have to mean sacrificing style, comfort, or organization. Small Space Decorating shows you how to transform dull, cramped, or confining into stylish small spaces that live large. This book is packed with images, tips, and tricks for making the most of miniscule or challenging square footage—whether it's a single room or an entire house. Room-by-room guide shows you how to bring style to any small living space Advice on storage, color, accessories, and other key features that give a room functionality and personality Practical solutions for decorating challenges faced by apartment dwellers and other renters With a friendly tone and an energetic approach that will appeal to young singles and families alike, Small Space Decorating gives you the confidence and skills to make a big statement in even the smallest of spaces.

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## Customer Reviews

A small space can be Spectacular. Want proof? Explore the beautiful rooms in this book. Whether you're decorating a living room, a kitchen, a dining room, a bedroom, an office, an entry, a kid's room, or any other room, the experts at Better Homes and Gardens® have collected all of the inspiration you need to turn a ho-hum space into a showstopper.

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If you favor the new trend towards smaller homes and rooms, you should enjoy this SMALL SPACE DECORATING book. Why throw hard-earned \$\$\$ heating oversize homes and rooms when it's a few rooms that we want to primarily be in? Using our resources wisely seems to be a new decorating trend that's here to stay. How do you decorate smaller homes and rooms attractively? What design and decor principles maximize space? This book answers these questions, and is one of the few books published recently on small space decorating. It's brimming with ideas and photos to illustrate the ideas so you can see how the principles look in a real room. The book organizes rooms by function with chapter titles: Live, Cook, Eat, Bathe, Sleep, Work, Multitask, Enter and Play. The Live chapter highlights topics such as furniture, storage, windows & light, walls & ceilings, color, art & photos, fabric & pillows and accessories. There are an average of 3-5 small space decorating tips per page with accompanying photos to illustrate the tips--the rooms tend to be more informal, casual and comfortable in styles ranging from contemporary to cottage, to traditional with a twist to modern or an eclectic combination of these. Interspersed throughout are eight case studies of actual homes in which small space principles have been used successfully. My favorite case study is a stylish New York City studio apartment. There's a skillful use of color with white covering the dominant surfaces--walls, sofa, bookcase, Parsons desk and bed--punctuated with gold, beige, black and leopard print accents. The result is sophisticated, fun and looks spacious. What interested me about the book is that the rooms didn't look cramped or small--they look natural and cozy. Some sample tips which were among my favorite in this book: \* Multitask--a dressing table or vanity can double as a desk. \* Portability--furniture on wheels or a foldable desk, for example, offers flexibility \* Folding dividers such as screens, which can be moved easily, are stylish ways to separate spaces This is an affordable introduction to, and overview of, attractive small spaces that are sure to inspire your own decorating ideas. The book is about the size of a magazine although much thicker and includes a one-year free subscription coupon to BETTER HOMES & GARDENS magazine. Many of the ideas are great for budget decorating and DIY design. If you like the cover picture, you should enjoy the book, as it is indicative of the fresh and original small space style inside.

We are purchasing our dream home on the bayou! With an empty nest, we are downsizing to a

beautiful Acadian cottage. Before moving in we are making cosmetic renovation/updates to kitchen, baths, and flooring and purchasing new furniture and accessories. A big concern is for optimizing space and storage. After purchasing several decorating books, I discovered this gem on .com! Just the resource needed for our project with ideas galore! Great manual for the visual learner. Written in a reader friendly, cookbook format, it "cuts to the chase" addressing each decorating issue without laborious text to scan through. There are text boxes inserted throughout labeled: Design Basics, How To, and Glossary. Virtually every design suggestion has an illustration. The beautiful pictures are a feast for the eyes. All of the designs have eclectic appeal with classic charm. Emphasis on cozy--no far out designs. I find a new idea each and every time I look at the book. The only problem with the book is that we can't do it all! Oh, by the way--I love this book!

There are some great rooms and lovely pictures and ideas, however, I don't think the people who put these books together really know what a small space is. How about 1000 Square feet and under?

Good ideas but directed towards very, very small spaces. I was hoping for more ideas for small spaces lacking storage.

Some good ideas for built-ins and furniture arrangements in small apartments. Good price for the content, lots of good color photos. Not much in the way of highly creative solutions, but a good basic place to start.

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