

LIVE LARGE

SET YOUR SIGHTS ON SMALL
BUT PERFECTLY FORMED
APARTMENT LIVING





GALLERY SHOWCASE
Avoid the temptation to go for a blank wall corridor in a bid to be free of clutter. Instead, let your personal pictures and artwork lead you into the living areas. Structure is key, so make sure your frames rest on an imaginary top and bottom line. This creates cohesion and offers you the opportunity to include other pieces to fill any gaps.



4 MIX IT UP

Make your hallway work harder with tall storage you can continue around to the kitchen. If space is tight, break up the block effect through a built-in corner seat that wraps around to a glass-front vitrine to display glasses and crockery. Here, the black trimwork marries with the kitchen pulls, benchtop and accents, with the aim of pulling the scheme together.

5 WINDOW LIGHT

Window treatments will make your apartment feel polished. To make sure natural light floods in, opt for sheers. And don't skimp on the cost of curtains. For fullness, opt to triple the window width. Consider taking the sheers across the wall's width and hang them from just below the cornice or ceiling. Now that's luxe!

6 DESTINATION BOUND

Dress the end wall of your hallway, making it a favourite destination.



Decorating or renovating your apartment can be so exciting. Yes, there's no point denying the challenges in making over a home with a smallish footprint, but these are in no way insurmountable. This petite dwelling offers you crucial lessons in how to overcome obstacles without sacrificing style. It's about creating a space brimming with personality while working harder so you can fit in as much as possible – like the L-shaped kitchen, for one, with its mixture of standard and tall cabinets. As for the colour scheme – white, grey and soft pastels rule!

2,3 TWO-TONE KITCHEN

This kitchen will see you abandon belief in the uniformity of white to enhance the sense of space. Yes, you will need to steer clear of dark, saturated shades, but see how pale grey upper units team with powdery blue-grey bases without visually eating up the space? And there's no need to go bland and basic with your tiles – opt for gloss textured finishes.

DECIDE YOUR COLOURS AND THE RATIO OF USE AND STICK TO THEM





Try not to box yourself in. The low seat is an ideal way to transition between hall storage and living space so there's an immediate sense of openness.



Rugs and lighting will help you delineate the various zones if your living space is open plan.

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Repeating colours and elements seen elsewhere allows for good flow between rooms.

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7 COLOUR SPLASH

Recently, decorators have shed the shackles of neutrality - colour has made a confident comeback. Dip into the trend with a matt green handbasin and painted pale-salmon features. Hold colour in check with marble tiles and black tapware and trim.

8 ON REFLECTION

Set off your vanity with a round timber mirror. Having the glass set back from the frame gives it depth, but also creates a handy ledge for a few essentials.

9 WARDROBE FIXES

Your bedroom is the one space where you can afford to go dark and moody. Consider having your built-ins painted a gorgeous deep teal, whether you're installing them new or wanting to give existing, older-style fitted wardrobes an eye-catching lift. Opt for the opulence of even deeper-coloured drapes. For day-time privacy and light, try venetians or sheers.



Space-challenged but still cherishing the very thought of luxuriating in a bath? A shower/bath combo is your obvious solution. Glam up the space with marble tiles or their ceramic lookalikes.



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DESIGN TIPS SMALL-SPACE BEAUTY

- If natural light is scarce, make mirrors your new best friend, as they'll bounce what little light you have around the room. And, you'll have gained a few extra metres, even if it is only an illusion!
- Opt for wall lights and sconces over floor lamps for less clutter.
- Keep the floor clear with floating or see-through shelves, bedside tables and vanities. Clear sightlines to the wall give an impression of space.



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A SMALL
FOOTPRINT
MAY EQUAL
SAVINGS –
**SPLURGE
ON COOL
LIGHTS!**



10 With a small bedroom, it's important to think about the visual weight of your bedhead so it doesn't consume more space than needed. Art or wallhangings will draw the eye and more than compensate for the lack of an arresting feature bedhead. Also consider ease of navigation and interesting or curvy bedside tables that offer clear sightlines to the wall to expand the horizon. ■