

Employ strategies when space is tight

When decorating a small space there are a few strategies that'll help make the most of it. Internationally regarded interiors expert Elaine Williamson offers these tips:

Choose a focal point, perhaps a wall at the far end of a room. Painting this wall a deeper hue will help pull your eye into the space visually.

Baseline furniture should be smaller in scale, according to the square footage of the room. Lower profile, less bulky furniture will increase the perceived visual space, making it feel open and airier.

Accent furniture: Keep all accent pieces light in feel, light in color or with glass tops and, if possible, keep the shape rounded and flowing.

Lighting: Avoid hanging fixtures, especially if you have low ceilings. Use can lights or, with a modern style, track lighting to keep the area above your furniture clear of visual interruptions.

Storage: Make sure that all furniture pieces you select have storage options, such as an electronics console with drawers, storage ottoman, etc. Open bookcases used for storage tend to add nothing but a cluttered, closed-in feeling.

