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# —HOME FINDS—

The style tips of small-space decorating aren't all about practicing restraint. The trick is to know when to go big and inject major style in tight quarters...

## MAKE ROOM for *Style*

BY SILVANA LONGO

"Small-space living calls for multi-functional furniture," says Tamara Robbins Griffith, HomeSense Design Expert. "A chic sofa-bed is a smart solution when it comes to overnight guests. A desk and occasional chair in the living room do double duty as extra seating and surface area for entertaining."

Mid-Century Style **SOFA BED**, \$399.99,  
Lacquered Tripod **COFFEE TABLES**, \$79.99  
and \$129.99, Modern **DINING CHAIR**,  
\$99.99; homesense.com

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## ALL TUCKED IN



When you live in a small space, you need to be clever. That's probably why you're looking at this bed frame with 4 spacious drawers. The BRIMNES series has several heroes that help you save space.

BRIMNES HEADBOARD in Black, \$479; ikea.ca

## MASTERING MULTIFUNCTIONAL

This modern coffee table is pure functionality wrapped in great design. Hide your remotes, your magazines, your chargers and cables in the heart of the Chiva coffee table, with its integrated storage. Or raise the slim tabletop to create the perfect height for afternoon tea.



Chiva COFFEE TABLE, available in white lacquer, oak, walnut and espresso finishes, starts at \$1,589, two sizes available; boconcept.com

## A little LUXURY goes a long way



Victoria + Albert adds a compact bathtub, which features a simple, sleek design, perfect for modern and contemporary bathrooms. The tub is deep and double-ended and comfortably holds one or two people. It measures 21<sup>5/8</sup>" in length, making it a perfect option for both urban condos or family bathrooms.

Vetralla BATHTUB, for pricing and Toronto locations, visit vandabaths.com

## IT'S LIT

SIL SAYS

*Swing-arm lighting is a must-have in a small space.*



Taking cues from the industrial age of the turn-of-century, this light fixture boasts simple details and ample looks to boot. With its useful extendable arm and elegant pared-down shade, this task lamp is perfectly suited for a bedroom or living room setting.

GARDEN CITY from Hudson Valley Lighting; for pricing contact Royal Lighting



Sleek and minimalist on the outside, Fairport conceals a few splendid surprises, like a full-range dimmer switch, plus a gentle swing-arm makes it an ideal bedside reading lamp.

FAIRPORT from Hudson Valley Lighting; for pricing contact Universal Lamp

Add visual interest with a cool geometric wall sconce. Clear, frosted glass in a hexagon shape with brass finished hardware

Hex Geometric WALL SCONCE, \$199; cb2.com



## CURVES AHEAD

Soften those hard edges by adding seating with contemporary curves mixed with tufting, giving this mid-century-inspired sofa a casual, yet sophisticated look. Composed of solid hardwood, synthetic webbing, and high resiliency foam for form and function that lasts.

Marnie SOFA, \$1,395; eltemkt.com





## HOME FINDS

# WINDOW DRESSING

Alendel **DRAPES**, Echo collection shown in Feather, for pricing contact Alendel Fabrics.

### SMALL SPACE TIP

*Hang them high and keep them light to maximize the light*



## Artistic Reflections

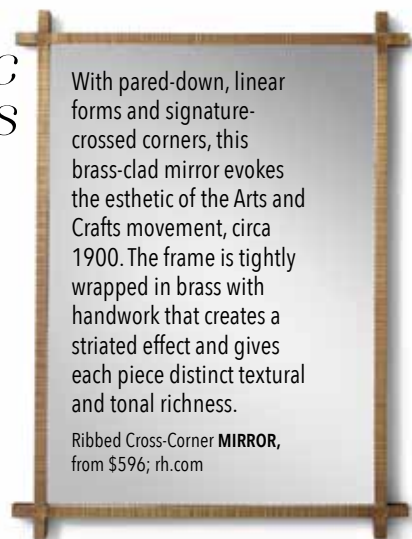
### --SIL'S PICK--



**SILVANA LONGO**  
EDITOR

With pared-down, linear forms and signature-crossed corners, this brass-clad mirror evokes the esthetic of the Arts and Crafts movement, circa 1900. The frame is tightly wrapped in brass with handwork that creates a striated effect and gives each piece distinct textural and tonal richness.

Ribbed Cross-Corner **MIRROR**, from \$596; rh.com



*"I love all the details of this mirror—from the clad-cross corners that seem roughly yet elegantly sketched to the brass finished frame—it adds warmth and texture to a space."*

## ALL ABOUT THE BASE

A ground-floor opportunity to making a big impact in a small space—choose a large-sized area rug in a vibrant colour or a bold pattern (or both!) to make the room feel larger and to add some cosy comfort underfoot.



**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Cibreo Light Blue/Silver **AREA RUG:** Starts at \$1,165; eltemkt.com, Silk Orchid P55 Yellow **AREA RUG:** starts at \$8,585, elte.com, Han Solo Grey/Grey **AREA RUG:** \$9,995; elte.com

## BAR IS OPEN

This cool storage cabinet can double as a bar with this beautiful tile-top surface. Shelves inside can be moved depending on where you need them to be.

Porto **MINIBAR & STORAGE CABINET:** \$1,699; cb2.com



## TACTILE TEXTURE

Pure Australian merino wool lends chunky texture and indulgent softness to this exquisitely woven pillow cover. Artisans hand-weave thick yarns into an array of subtle patterns, highlighting the character-rich variations that make each pillow cover unique. Rustic yet contemporary, the collection is a distinctive alchemy of modern form and enduring comfort.

### --EM'S PICK--

Textured Merino Wool **PILLOW COVER**, grey, from \$149; rh.com



**EMILIE SIMPSON**  
ART DIRECTOR



## STOW in STYLE

Organize, stow and conceal with this handwoven, graphic printed basket made in Senegal.

Oversized Graphic Woven **BASKET**, \$224; westelm.com





Blue and  
White Grunge  
Watercolour

# Off the Wall

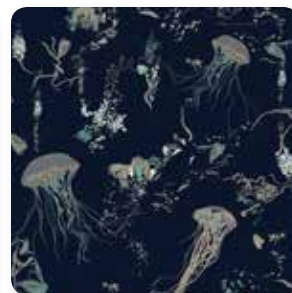
*When it comes to wallcoverings in a small space, we talked to the experts, and the resounding consensus is to GO BIG.*

Local wallpaper connoisseur, Maria Raco, founder of luxury designer wallpaper showroom in Toronto, NewWall House says: It seems to be a common belief that large patterns in tiny spaces tend to overwhelm a room and make it appear even smaller, when in fact, applying a wallcovering with a big, bold pattern actually energizes a tiny space.

## THE LATEST COLLECTIONS FROM NEWWALL HOUSE



Anemones by Missoni



Jellyfish by 17 Patterns



Camille by Coordonne



Tropical Clouded Leopard by Timorous Beastie

*We crossed the pond and spoke with U.K. Murals Wallpaper head of design, Catherine Jacob, and she recommends these eye-catching murals for small spaces:*

**BLUE AND WHITE GRUNGE WATERCOLOUR** The punches of blue and white tones in the mural, mixed with the different textures, give any wall more impact, regardless of scale. The design also acts as an optical illusion, in that it hides the corners of the room, and conceals where the wall starts and end.

**JACOBSEN** The large geometric shapes of the Jacobsen design work well in smaller rooms. Due to the oversize patterns, in particular the halved-circle shapes, the design outpaces the wall, making it feel loftier. The mural is best styled with minimalist furniture, which allows the pattern to take centre stage. [muralswallpaper.co.uk](http://muralswallpaper.co.uk)



Jacobsen

*Raco provides some helpful hints on*  
**HOW TO PULL OFF THESE LARGE-SCALE PATTERNS IN A TINY ABODE**

- Apply the pattern on all four walls as opposed to just a feature wall. This consistency will give the illusion of the space expanding in size.
- If you prefer the room to have a more calming effect, choose soft colours instead.
- Opt for texture if committing to a (big) pattern is too challenging.