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# 12 Easy Ways to Make a Small Room Feel Bigger

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Pint-size bedrooms, narrow hallways, and teeny home office nooks are something city dwellers have become highly accustomed to. For some, these small spaces can be discouraging and lack the wow factor that a grand, sun-drenched living room may have. But for others, the compact spaces present a design challenge that yields some seriously impressive results.

The first step is to edit and declutter; staying organized is key to making the most of your small space. Next comes the real test: how to make it look bigger. For a little inspiration, some of our favorite interior designers and decorators share their top tips.

“In a small room we like to expand the space to make sure that your eye doesn’t stop moving, and that includes adding interest to the ceiling. If you are blessed with high ceilings and moldings, we suggest you paint or wallpaper the entire ceiling. We love using wallpaper with texture, such as horsehair, for extra richness—Phillip Jeffries #3254, color Roan, is a fave!—or a soft blue paint color like Benjamin Moore’s Cool Breeze #CSP-665—especially in a dining room.”

—Kathleen Walsh, interior designer