

6 Ways To Make Small Rooms Seem Larger

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Your enjoyment of your living space does not have to be limited by room size. Don't worry! You don't need to demo any walls to open it up and make it *seem* larger. The functionality and aesthetic quality of small rooms can be maximized by a few simple design techniques. If you have a small living room or bedroom, with a little rearranging and a few decorating tricks, you can make your space seem more, well, *spacious*.

Below are some tips to help answer the question of how to make a room look bigger.

How to Make a Small Room Look Bigger

Of all the decorating challenges you may face, solving the problem of how to make a living room look bigger and brighter can be one of the most perplexing. That's at least partly because the most obvious solution involves tearing down walls to add square footage, and that's not feasible in many, if not most, cases. But there are easier, though less intuitive, ways to make a small room look and feel larger. Here are some of the most popular methods used by professional decorators to make a room seem more spacious:

Use Furniture That Shows the Floor Underneath

Instead of bulky pieces with upholstery or wood that goes all the way down to the floor, choose streamlined sofas, chairs, bookcases, end tables, night stands, dressers, and cabinets, etc., with taller legs that allow a view of the floor under your furniture. This trick goes a long way toward creating an illusion of a larger, more open space.

Choose a Light Color Scheme

Dark paint, drapery, furniture, and flooring colors can make a space feel closed in. If you want to make a huge space feel more cozy, dark colors can help. But, to make your room look more open, airy, and larger, use a light paint color to give a sense of more space.

Leave Your Windows Uncovered

Leave your windows drapery-free for maximum sleekness. Use transparent or ultra-sheer window treatments or minimalistic blinds that you can raise or twist open and closed for partial or full natural light and privacy as needed. Letting natural light pour in is a primary solution for giving even the smallest of interior spaces a sense of airy openness.

Open up Space for Walkways

Having large furniture or plants or other obstacles partially obscuring the entry into a room blocks the room from view, which creates a first impression of a closed-off, less open space. When it's necessary to maneuver around a lot of furniture and accessory pieces to go from one end of a room to the other, there's an added sense of being in a cramped space. Move everything out of the way to open the space and give a sense of openness. Place broader or taller items along the far walls, to make as much of the floor visible as possible from the entrance.

Use Mirrors for the Illusion of a Larger Space

Using mirrors is a timeless trick for visually multiplying the size of a living space. All the light that hits the mirror surface is reflected, which delivers maximum help in generating the illusion of a more open and airy space. Use one or two strategically placed mirrors, even facing each other, to maximize the benefits of the illusion of an expanded space.

Keep the Floor and All Surfaces Clutter-Free

There's one problem that will *not* be improved by using the right furniture and positioning it right or by using the right light paint and wall and window treatments — clutter. A lot of clutter can make even a large room feel small and cramped. So, as the top priority for making more space in a small room, find other places to display trinkets and knick-knack collections and other table decor. To make your room feel as spacious as possible, keep it impeccably clutter-free and tidy.

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