

INSPIRATION

Small Space Secrets

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR
MAXIMISING MINIATURE ROOMS

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HARDER WORKING STORAGE



Invest in organisational containers

You'll use them forever, and pieces made from neutral, natural materials like glass and wicker age beautifully. Decant dried food into clear containers so you can keep an eye on stock. Make use of clever organisational products to keep everything reachable, categorised and within view. These versions are by Jamie At Home, jamieathome.com.



Vertical storage

Use your bookcases well. These can store everything you need and if prettily curated, become a feature in themselves. As a rule, group similar objects and shapes together and place heavier items on the bottom.



CLUTTER FREE KITCHENS

Why should kitchen cabinets stop at eye level?

Ikea's new Metod kitchen collections allow you to use every inch of space, with cabinet dimensions available to the nearest 10cm and 20cm – a must when kitchen storage space is at a premium. This also gives you an excuse to incorporate a pretty ladder for reaching your rarely-used items at the very top.



DOWNSIZE AND IMPROVISE



The moveable utility

Don't have a dedicated utility room? Nab yourself an easy-peasy utility zone using attractive shelving large enough to fit everything you need. Think about using blank wall space or unused corridor areas to repurpose as a utility space near your kitchen, or beneath a stairwell.



Pint-sized furniture pieces

Avoid buying furniture that's clearly been designed for larger homes. In dining zones of open plan rooms, smaller modular tables are better, especially if they are flap-down or collapsible. And you don't need bulky chairs: mix and match different styles and sizes. It makes for a more interesting, colourful look that suits modern homes.



SMALL SPACE SOLUTIONS



Purpose-made pieces for tiny homes

This spring Ikea has brought us PS 2014, a range of furniture, accessories and storage particularly designed for the space-squeezed. Most items serve a dual purpose or have a shape designed to fit narrow halls, and there are cabinets with angled backs to fit easily into previously wasted corner

This side table has a built-in reading light and magazine holder, €65



The PS corner cabinet is great for filling wasted space. It also comes in a pink painted finish, €75.

PSsst!

The PS Collection 2014 is available at IKEA Dublin now, with prices starting at just €10. Here are some of the best designs.



This leaning wall shelf with 11 knobs is handy for moving around the home as needed, €50



The PS side table is also a stack of colourful, portable serving trays. It is also available in white, €50.



This solid pine table has hidden drawers under the tabletop for storing cutlery, napkins or placemats, €180



The skinny PS 2014 bench is ideal for halls where space is an issue, €90

Green-fingered but no garden? It's just 46cm wide and 18cm deep, so you can fit it on a windowsill, €30

