

What's the Smallest Space You've Ever Transformed?

Every awkward space has potential—all you need is a vision. Editorial Director **Joanna Saltz** asked industry experts about their most compact and trickiest projects to date, and how they solved the riddles.



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“Although constrained by about 120 square feet, we created an impactful entry moment by painting the walls and ceiling an olive green lacquer. The allover tone in a glossy application gave the space more dimension. We added architectural detailing on the ceiling to make the space feel less closed in.”

—Katie Davis
@katedavisdesign



“We transformed a very small maid’s room into a wonderful office. Millwork on three walls provides great storage, while a desk, files, bookcases, and even a Murphy bed were squeezed in to maximize functionality. A monochromatic scheme keeps the palette calm while a graphic wallpaper adds visual interest.” —Gideon Mendelson @gideonmendelson

“A coat closet! I made it into a makeshift sewing room for my client, and it looks awesome.”

—Tiffany Piñero @tiffanypinero



“This house needed to accommodate my family of four within 1,100 square feet. It required rethinking how the existing garage space was being used, moving an exterior stairway to the interior, and maximizing storage space.” —Regan Baker @reganbakerdesign



“Formerly a wet bar underneath the stairs, this was the perfect place to squeeze in a powder room. To make it dramatic, we painted the walls in Sherwin-Williams Caviar. I hired a local artist to paint an abstract motif on the walls.” —Ashley DeLapp @ashleydelapp

“I turned a tiny 100-year-old basement food cellar into a moody party pantry. It holds all of the essential cocktail utensils, a wine fridge, and a very reluctant husband dressed up like a butler.”

—Sofia B. Tretow @tretowdeco

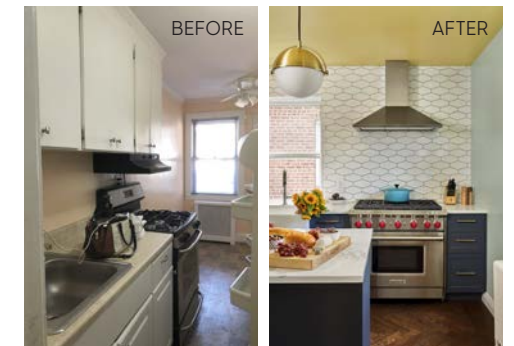


“The client has a bold pair of red-framed glasses, so I thought she may like a red room. The crimson crocodile wallpaper set the direction for the space. One color makes the 10 x 14 room look seamless and larger than it is.”

—Kristine Mullaney @kristinemullaneydes

“We combined a galley kitchen and a small bedroom to create a larger kitchen and used color, pattern, and textures to add the feeling of more space.”

—Rozit Arditi @arditidesign



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