

The City Dweller's One-Room Pad



Small-space tricks from designers who know!

“INSTALL A MIRROR THAT RUNS THE LENGTH OF THE BATHROOM VANITY AND ALL THE WAY UP TO THE CEILING. IT INSTANTLY EXPANDS THE ROOM.” **LEGASPI COURTS**

“No postage-stamp rugs! Wall-to-wall carpeting or a room-size area rug visually maximizes square footage.”

GEORGIA ZIKAS

“Build a cabinet around the radiator and top it with seat cushions. Not only does it disguise an otherwise ugly radiator, it also provides extra seating and a spot to drop grocery bags or mail.” **LINDSAY MACRAE**

“If you’re a renter, line the top of your kitchen cabinets with neutral lidded boxes to increase vertical storage options.”

EMILY C. BUTLER

“A large ottoman can serve as a coffee table, a mini display library, and additional seating. Place one or two trays in the center to hold books and drinks, and lazy feet can go around the perimeter!”

EMILY PAINTER OF LINDROTH DESIGN

“A secretary desk can also function as a nightstand. The key is to make sure it’s low and narrow. It’s a charming way to sneak a desk into a small room that’s lacking wall space.” **GRACE ROSENSTEIN**



JONATHAN SAVAGE, SAVAGE INTERIOR DESIGN

The Nashville decorator is all too familiar with the trials and tribulations of inhabiting a studio apartment. “There is never, ever enough storage!” he says. “But floating the furniture in the middle of the room gives you a ton of real estate along the walls for closets with hanging space.” And movable accent chairs and side tables allow for a flexible floor plan, whether his client is having a friend or two over for libations or simply wants to throw her feet up and relax.



◀ “Make sure playful and sculptural pieces serve a purpose, like this curvy chair and animal-shaped drinks table.” Gabbro Lounge Chair. By Jean-Louis Deniot. \$5,700. bakerfurniture.com. Walking Bear Side Table. Plaster and cement. avenue-road.com



◀ “An upholstered daybed offers a cozy sleeping spot for one, but it’s also a comfortable sofa when guests swing by. It’s the best of both worlds!” Afton Daybed with Trundle. \$899. ballarddesigns.com

▶ “The design makes an impact, and the shelves are super functional. It’s great for small spaces, as it feels light and airy.” Drop In Table. Acrylic. plexi-craft.com



Closet Confidential

We asked California Closets for the inside scoop on how to store clothes *and* linens in a studio. Go high, they advised! It doubles the capacity of the closet, especially the amount of hanging space. Group items based on frequency of use: Put daily items like work clothing in arm’s reach and once-in-a-while things, like guest pillows, on top shelves.

“Hang curtains floor to ceiling to draw the eye up and give the illusion of larger windows.”

DANE AUSTIN