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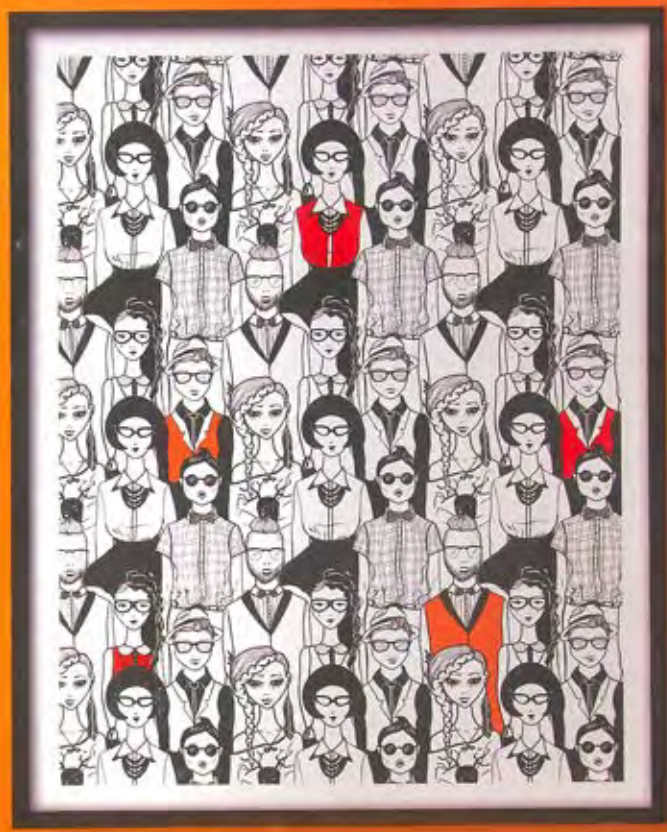
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10 SMART IDEAS TO OPTIMISE SPACE

STYLE AND FUNCTION; SCALE AND PROPORTION; WE TELL YOU HOW TO CREATE THE RIGHT BALANCE TO MAKE THE MOST OF CONSTRAINED SPACE

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Fred desk; Caprice chair; Elan sofa; Mex round coffee table; Thin black table; all prices on request; all from Poltrona Frau Group Design Center. White soup set, ₹3,900; Orange tray, ₹3,750; both from Mosaic. Seattle rug, price on request, Jaipur Rugs. Brass lamp, ₹15,700; Black cushion cover, ₹950; both from Sanctum. Orange cushion cover, ₹1,900; White cushion cover, ₹1,900; both from AA Living. Black box, ₹1,590, Address Home. White bear, price on request, Tranceforme. Orange and white flowers, price on request, Home Centre. Dinner plates (set of eight), ₹1,880, CAC. Wooden hand, Stylist's own.
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1 DIVIDE AND RULE

Make your space work overtime.

The less the space, the more crippled we feel. So much to do, and such little space. Pragmatic space management is key. For instance, replace walls with sliding panels to create a transitional environment. Bring in statement furniture pieces that hold their own. In terms of colour, white is the best bet, but is playing safe the only option? Opt for an accent colour to heighten the drama.



ARTY FACTS

Images: Do wall-hang things right? Infuse a massive patch of personality with art. The bigger, the better.

SMART DESIGN

Use furniture that's undressed. Glass, acrylic, metal and glass pieces help animate petite spaces. Use carpets or area rugs to maximize floor space.





PILLAR TO POST

The odd piece in the middle of the room bothers you? Paint it into. Treat it as an accent. You could also use this space to display photographs or artworks.

2 SNEAK A PEEK

Make use of every square inch — give it a purpose.

When faced with odd corners and structures, be inventive. Use see-through dividers — glass walls, blinds — to create illusion of space. Transform that odd corner into your dressing area. There's no reason to let limited closet space cramp your style. With a garment rack you can turn your wardrobe into a display. And for the things that you'd rather hide away, use stack boxes.

3 BUILDING BLOCKS

Ask for more, always! Opt for versatile furniture.

It's one thing to hide away your clutter. But why should you have to hide the storage too? Small storage that's as stylish as it is functional can easily share shelf space with your favorite things. Create an interesting display or use them as makeshift stools. Well, it could also moonlight as your centretable or bar unit.



(THIS PAGE - LEFT) Black side table, ₹29,900; Cream box (small), ₹7,200; both from Mozaic. Ingrid black and white carpet, ₹1,00,500, Shyam Ahuja. Dresses, Stylist's own. (THIS PAGE - RIGHT) Crystal ball, Miss light lamp; Tabourets boxes; all prices on request, all from Poltrona Frau Group Design Center. Mekalu rug, price on request, Jaipur Rugs. (FACING PAGE) Vellero bookcase; Fred desk, Vanity fair miniature; Chain lamp; Caprice chair; Crystal ball; all prices on request; all from Poltrona Frau Group Design Center. Mukul Goyal pen holder, ₹2,810; Mukul Goyal tape dispenser, ₹3,150; both from Santorini. Makalu rug, price on request, Jaipur Rugs. SET UP AT POLTRONA FRAU GROUP DESIGN CENTER



4 FORM OR FUNCTION?

Why is that a question? Choose both.

When space is a concern, sleek is the way to go. Form, function and style — look for all three when you go scouting for furniture. This bookshelf, while it excels as a room divider, it also takes centrestage with its sculptural design. In fact, a floor-to-ceiling bookshelf is the perfect way to separate your work zone from the living area, even as it maintains continuity of space.

SOFT SPOTS

You tend to forget the flooring when there are so many challenges to be met. Add interest to your floor with wall-to-wall carpets. Use your rug from Jaipur Rugs.

5 WINDOW DRESSING

Who doesn't want a room with a view?

Besides creating a nice spot for gazing out onto the world, a window seat adds unobtrusive seating. So the next time you think, "Ugh, awkward spot," immediately switch gears to, "Wonderful opportunity for a cosy nook!" Dress it up with colourful cushions to add to the comfort quotient. Just the perfect setting for your morning cuppa with the latest bestseller.

6 HIDDEN AGENDA

Beauty with brains; that's what we desire.

While aesthetics are the prime concern, being utilitarian doesn't hurt, does it? The mantra remains — make the most of every inch. Use architectural elements to your advantage. Every nook, every corner that you get, transform into storage. It will help you keep the clutter at bay. Choose less, but choose wisely.



STATEMENT STYLE
Opt for a statement piece of furniture. It's the spark. It will pop from the rest of the palette and tie it together.

(THIS PAGE) Leaf chaise, ₹78,000; Quedpod side table, ₹13,800; both from Red Blue & Yellow. Red bird cushion cover, ₹1,900; Orange cushion cover, ₹1,950; Orange throw, ₹3,500; all from AA Living. Red cushion cover, ₹1,500; Mozaic. Black and white fabric, price on request, First Impression. Grey cushion cover, ₹1,000; White tea pot, ₹750; Tea cup and saucer, ₹900; all from Home Centre. Malmö rug, price on request, Jaipur Rugs. Monopoly cyclist, ₹3,900, Abaca. (FACING PAGE) Concorde bed, ₹1,18,000; Bar side table, ₹25,500; Modena centre table, price on request; Reed chaise, ₹72,000; The remains of the Vikrant, Darukhana, Mumbai by Sunhil Sippy, ₹25,000; all from Red Blue & Yellow. Cream bed spread, ₹1,740; Napkin (set of six), ₹600; both from Freedom Tree. Coral cushion cover, price on request, Sarita Handa. Grey cushion cover, ₹1,000; Orange cushion cover, ₹300; both from Home Centre. Orange throw, ₹3,500, AA Living. Cream cushion cover, price on request, Tranceforme. Decanter, ₹1,890, Address Home. Wine glasses (set of six), ₹4,500, Mozaic.

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Opt for statement furniture pieces — the incredibly sculptural bed, the bar in the garb of a side table, or the ubiquitous centretable with hidden storage. Each one is a conversation starter.



VERTICAL LIMITS

No floor space? Go vertical.

Creating a mezzanine space within a room is a great way to enable a room to have multiple uses. If you have the height, create one function for the space at ground level and another function for the elevated space. This sleeping mezzanine level makes the most of a pitched roof, squeezing a cosy bedroom area into what would have been negative, unused space.



8 BEHIND THE DOORS

Transform a single room into a multifunctional zone.

This combined dining/living room crams in a whole lot of style. The wooden floor unites the space, while each individual area is subtly sectioned off: The white bedroom and the black dining room. Sliding doors are a prudent option to demarcate spaces. Slide them open when you need some floor space, slide them shut when the moment calls for privacy.

PERSONAL TOUCH

Bar walls can instantly be brightened up with a large art print, which acts as a statement piece and foos the eye into believing the room is larger than it is.

We are partial to multipurpose furniture. This extendable dining table transforms from a small console to a full-fledged table in a instant. We love!

Quadpod side table, ₹13,800; York day bed, ₹74,500; Egg chair, ₹36,800; Extend dining table, ₹78,000; Honeycomb fabric, customised cushions, both prices on request; Cynda vase, ₹2,400; all from Red Blue & Yellow. Doodle vase, ₹1,995; Orange and white flowers, ₹599 each; Dinner plate, ₹600 each; all from Home Centre. Coral bedspread, ₹1,740; Orange fabric, ₹1,062; Orange towels, ₹180 each; all from Freedom Tree.
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9 PATTERN PLAY

Don't shy away from patterns. Embrace them!

Don't try too hard to hide anything. Instead, make everything look stunning and beautiful. If you are sceptical of bold colours, play with pattern and texture on your walls. Stay with the monochromatic scheme, infuse just a bit of pattern to add that element of interest. The idea is to draw the attention away from the negatives, and highlight the positives.

10 SHAPE SHIFTERS

Smart design is the need of the hour.

Editing is a big part of the design process. If it doesn't fit, you don't need it: A philosophy that's easier to live by. Choose, prioritise, proportion, and make the things work for you. Invest in smart design. Strike the right balance. Take for instance the bold orange chair, standing in perfect harmony with the incredibly sleek metal bookshelf.

Julius chair; Drop bookcase; Orange iPad cover; Vanity fair miniature; Crystal ball; all price on request; all from Poltrona Frau Group Design Center. Pen stand, ₹1,190; Bangle case, ₹5,400; both from Portside Cafe. Makul Goyal pen stand, ₹2,610; Teiboa bay bookends, ₹1,300; both from Santorini. Makulu rug, price on request. Jaipur Rug.
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