

8 Brilliant Home Hacks Inspired By HGTV's 'Tiny House'

Make the most out of your teeny, tiny space.

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Let's be real: Most of us have more in common with the people on HGTV's *Tiny House, Big Living!* than we do with the Kardashians, at least when it comes to our living situations.



Living in a small space hardly feels chic, especially when you can barely claim closet space, let alone a bedroom that can fit a full-



length dresser. Yet, those folks on *Tiny House*, and its sister show, *Tiny House Hunters*, somehow seem to make living in 60-square-foot look effortless—and sometimes even cool.

So...how do they do it? We reached out to home decor bloggers to share their best-kept secrets for turning a tiny pad into a treasured palace.



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[love/moving-in-with-a-boyfriend](#)), we purchased Ikea's floating Godmorgon vanity, which opened up the room by increasing the visual floor area. Then, we added custom walnut drawer-fronts by Semi Handmade to bring a touch of warmth and

luxury that feels right at home in this small space." —*Erin Williamson of [Erin Williamson Design](http://erinwilliamsondesign.com/)* (<http://erinwilliamsondesign.com/>)



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USE A COHESIVE COLOR PALETTE THROUGHOUT YOUR HOME

"Whether you live in a tiny apartment or a full house with an open floor plan, this is absolutely essential. If you do not have transitional spaces like hallways to provide a respite from one color scheme to the next, it is very important that each space flows seamlessly. Visual chaos can be as unsettling as a lack of storage, so selecting one color palette and using it as the unifying thread from one room to the next can have a calming and unifying effect." —*Paloma Contreras of*

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BUILD YOUR OWN WINE RACK FOR SMALL SPACES

"It's one thing to [love wine](#) (<http://www.womenshealthmag.com/food/benefits-of-wine>), but it's another to live in a tiny apartment and have absolutely no space to store all that wine. Oh, the struggle! While searching for a wine rack, I discovered that there are few small, stylish wine racks that can fit easily into a small space. So, in true blogger form, I decided to make one myself. The best way to take advantage of small spaces is to use your wall space, so I knew I wanted to make something I could hang. I kept it super simple and versatile enough for me to decorate however I want. Want to make one for yourself? Follow these instructions [here](http://advicefromatwentysomething.com/diy-wine-rack-for-small-spaces/) (<http://advicefromatwentysomething.com/diy-wine-rack-for-small-spaces/>)."

—Amanda Holstein of *Advice from a Twenty Something* (<http://advicefromatwentysomething.com/>)

Make the most out of your new wine rack with

these fun entertaining tips:



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SAVE ON FLOOR SPACE BY INVESTING IN DOUBLE-DUTY

"Small-space living requires a certain creative eye when it comes to storage. The back of doors (bedroom doors, cabinets, refrigerator, and even medicine cabinets) are the perfect spaces to store smaller items. Chances are, your pantry is tiny or non-existent, so small magnetic containers are perfect for storing spices on the side of a refrigerator. But don't restrict yourself to just the pantry! The same containers are perfect for holding hair accessories or Band-Aids in a

medicine cabinet (http://aax-us-east.amazon-adsystem.com/x/c/QkxpDzn88Rt53baglbljNMAAAAFb2MpUJAEAAAFKAaIVb_o/https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=as_at/?linkCode=w61&imprToken=slaIa9KbC3TQrKh1p pqPvg&slotNum=0&url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=medicine+cabinet)

and equally functional on a desk to corral small office supplies or on the washer and dryer to gather loose buttons and change." —Rachel Rosenthal of *Rachel & Company* (<http://rachel-company.com/blog>)

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PURCHASE FURNITURE THAT SERVES MORE THAN ONE PURPOSE

"When space is limited, maximize the functionality of your furniture and decor. A bar cart can serve as a [nightstand](http://aax-us-east.amazon-) (

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storage, and can then be transformed into a
serving station when entertaining. The same
applies to smaller items. When you're outfitting
your small space, look for functional items that
are attractive enough to be on display. The fewer
items you have to hide, the more your precious
closet and drawer space will thank you." —*Kelley
Nan of [Kelley Nan Gracious Living](http://kelleynan.com/)*
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LACKING CABINET SPACE? ADD THEM YOURSELF!

"We live in a very small home that we've renovated to make ours. About two years after remodeling our kitchen, we quickly realized we were in desperate need of a pantry. Our cabinet

teen space just wasn't cutting it, and I couldn't take
another day with groceries living on our counters.
y%2 We were forced to get creative. We took one of
C%2 the only vacant walls we had left and designed a
Otiny built-in pantry using Ikea wall cabinets! We
%20 covered the cabinets in high-end door fronts
spac from [Semi Handmade](https://www.semihandmadedoors.com/)
e.) (<https://www.semihandmadedoors.com/>) to
blend in seamlessly with the rest of our kitchen.
No major renovation required." —Brittany
Chinaglia of [The Vintage Rug Shop](http://thevintagerugshop.com/)
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MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR CLOSETS.

"Closets are prime real estate for any tight living

space. By just removing the doors and hanging rods you now have your little room that can easily be transformed into your dream space. I purchased a pegboard from my local hardware store and four pieces of wood to nail on the wall behind the pegboard to create a gap between the wall and the pegboard, which allowed me to place hooks on the pegboard for storage. For the perfect lighting, I went with a plug-in pendant light because it was simple and I could run the cord behind the desk and around the side of the closet to an electrical socket in the space. Slide in a desk and you're set!" —*Nikki Boyd of [At Home With Nikki](http://athomewithnikki.com/) (<http://athomewithnikki.com/>)*

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GET CREATIVE WITH MIRRORS.

"We've all heard that mirrors can make a space seem larger, but mirrored walls can look a little passé. To embrace the light and room-expanding capabilities of a mirrored wall—without the mullet or Member's Only jacket flashbacks—try creating a gallery wall of mirrors. It's chic, on-trend and can be customized to fit any space, in any decade. Fitting favorite pieces together like a puzzle is more interesting and requires far fewer nail holes from hanging a piece an inch too high or low. Lay out your 'wall' out on the floor first to get a feel for what looks best. If an entire wall of mirrors isn't your thing, mix and match favorite prints or pieces of art with mirrors for a similar effect." —*Kristy Woodson Harvey of [Design Chic](http://mydesignchic.com/)* (<http://mydesignchic.com/>)

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