

THE PERFECT ROOM



PROFESSIONAL SECRETS FOR FLAWLESS STYLE

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◀ Clean, white, and contemporary, this low bed uses a partition wall for a headboard and takes advantage of the space with a glass storage ledge that holds photo frames and flowers. Accessorizing a bedroom doesn't mean you have to fill it with personal objects; a single bud vase with bright Gerber daisies and some current reading material will do just fine.

◀ In a room full of curves, this painted brass bed seems to float romantically under the eaves. Match furnishings by their bases, complement side tables that stand on curved legs with chairs that have similarly skinny legs. Here placing the bed up against the window and a dresser just under the sloped ceiling emphasizes the architecture of the room.



The kitchen sets itself apart with a colorful tiled backsplash and curved black counter. The unfortunate trick to having an open plan room is that you can't close the door on a messy or cluttered room. For kitchens that are incorporated into the rest of the apartment, the aesthetic must match the rest of the space. In this case, this means a well-organized storage system and matching modern stools.

SPACE Deciding how to divide space when not given any parameters can be tricky. First, consider natural light when drawing the imaginary lines. If you have a square apartment with one wall of windows, dividing it into quadrants using room dividers might not be the best idea even if it does seem the most logical. Instead, try using spatial borders with the arrangement of furniture or lighting to define the "rooms." Rugs, of any shape or size, are also a good way to carve out a "room" within your one giant living space.

Once you have defined the borders of function areas, treat them like any room with walls. Task lighting should be placed where it is needed, at eye level. When you don't have to consider doorways and windows, arranging furniture can be much more imaginative. Place sculpture and standing lamps in the corners to help close in the room and make it feel more secure. Or simply, rotate the entire arrangement so that it feels slightly off-the-grid and infinitely more interesting.



Stylistically, the apartment feels completely uniform with clean white walls, track lighting, and new wood flooring. And yet, you still feel as though you are moving from room to room as you travel to different elevations and in and out of different floods of light. For a tiny, one-room apartment, dividing the space with built-in levels and loft beds is the best way to break up the space and maintain a sense of openness.



With one wall occupied entirely by built-in bookcases, a well-divided space still feels cohesive. On the lower level a classic dining table is personalized by this library wall and on a raised platform, a study can be closed off with sliding sections of wall.

If possible, the easiest way to create rooms within one wide-open space is to place them on different levels. In the apartment seen here, a book-lined space is diligently divided with the use of stepped up levels and sliding walls. Track lighting overhead helps to further define the space so that one-room living feels organized and spacious. The use of simple, modern design and classic furnishings in a light color palette clarify an already clear-cut floor plan.