

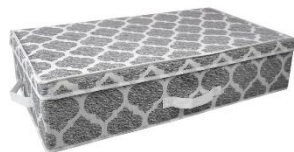
Functional & Stylish

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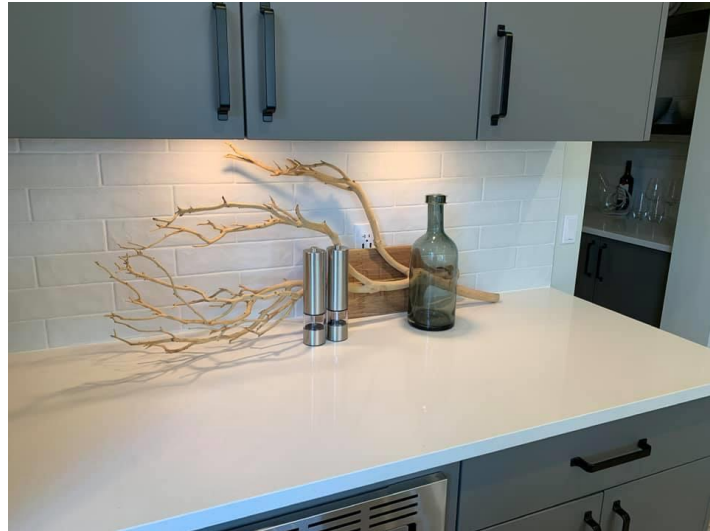
Purchasing your first home or downsizing?

Check out these tips on how to make a small space functional & stylish!

1. Incorporate storage into every space and in every way possible with class! Being inventive with under-bed storage, decorative bins, baskets, and furniture with built in storage can make all the difference. Going vertical with shelving is the best use of space in a condo, especially with the high ceilings we offer in our condominiums.



2. Keep it light and simple. Light natural tones will make your space feel open and airy, while furniture with clean lines will help to keep everything streamline. Add a mirror across from a window to bounce the natural light around the room and you will be amazed at how spacious your home feels.



- Remember to keep it multi-functional. Create a workspace that converts into a dining area, or a guest bedroom. And don't forget the patio...who doesn't want to work outside whenever possible? If you love to entertain, but don't have space for seating, you can incorporate a bench that seconds as a bookshelf or entrance seating. And let's not forget the poof! This magical piece of furniture gives great seating option when people visit and doubles as a footrest for those of you that don't want to take up floor space with a chaise.





4. Don't forget to use the corners. These tucked away spots tend to get overlooked when decorating. A quick search and you will find shelving, fireplaces and even furniture that has been designed for corners. When working with limited space, corners can add that extra storage you need.



5. Always have a space for yourself. A peaceful nook where you can relax, read or even have a gaming setup that rivals any streamer out there. No matter how little space you are working with, you should always have your perfect spot.... because let's be real, winters are long and bad days can take the best out of anyone. Having a place to escape can help you recharge.



6. Get creative with your storage. Use your books, keepsakes, sports equipment and even clothing as décor. If done with purpose, no matter what you have out on display, it will look perfectly on trend. Coupled with those multi-functional furniture pieces, you will have a canvas that can be rearranged to meet your current mood.



7. Don't forget about plants. These little guys will not only keep your space looking warm and inviting but will clean the air while they do it. Bring the outside in for a pop of colour and freshness.



8. When buying furniture...make sure to measure twice and if you are unsure, tape it out on the floor. Condo sized or small space furniture stores are popping up everywhere and because furniture can be a huge investment, you don't want to regret purchasing any piece. Don't forget to measure your door opening and elevators too, avoid surprises upon delivery of large items.

