

## Karl's Blog: Small space decorating with furniture

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One of the best ways to survive a small space is to plan and decorate in an efficient manner. Choosing the right-sized furnishings that have double duty functions and choosing colours/tones that help to make a small space look larger are the two key tricks to making a small space look larger.

If you are moving to a small home and are purchasing new furnishings, consider only buying those pieces that can have more than two uses; an ottoman with storage, a dining table that expands to accommodate more guests, a dining chair that is comfy enough to be used for extra seating in the living room and a console table that doubles as a makeup table and slim desk are just a few examples.

When choosing colours for fabrics and paint, consider neutral or cooler colours and keep the tones of all those colours in a similar family (either all light or all dark).

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Here are 4 great pieces that have double (and some triple) duty that were featured on the show:

- Joshua standing swivel mirror with built-in shelving, \$600 Useful for toiletries in a bathroom, or as an organizer in a bedroom or the front hall.
- Noce daybed with pullout double bed, \$2040 Placing pillows across the back could turn this into a sofa in the living room. The storage underneath is invaluable!
- Lift coffee table- to- dining table, \$1430 The perfect table for a modern bachelor studio or for those who just like to dine in front of the television.
- White lacquer expanding side table, \$504 Small or large, this table would be great for a laptop, eating or a nightstand.

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