

STYLE + STORAGE

Can't fit all your household needs into that small space? See how one couple outfitted 450 square feet with affordable, stylish solutions.

Diana Ricca was faced with a familiar New York problem when she moved into husband Marco's Soho apartment:

How to fit all of their newly combined belongings into just five rooms. Without spending a fortune, Diana found many smart solutions. Here's how she did it.

PRACTICAL+PRETTY Add function in tight spaces by calling on rooms to serve double duty. The Ricca's living room easily blends with a home office. To make it work, Diana outfitted a blank wall with simple shelves and a desktop. To soften the hardworking space, she sewed a skirt out of white cotton yardage and attached it with strips of hook-and-loop tape. Then she coordinated boxes, binders, files, and accessories to go with the room's red-and-white palette. Office supplies—set on pull-out shelves edged with strips of cute pom-poms—are easily accessible.

QUICK+EASY So easy—all you need for this fun idea to keep business cards organized are binder clips, a small tackboard, striped paper, and pushpins.



quick+easy



practical



+ pretty

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HIDE+SEEK In a small space, add see-through storage. With only one cupboard in the kitchen, the Riccas didn't want to add bulky cabinetry. Instead, they chose wire shelves and hanging racks. The solution works well for Diana, a professional chef, who is used to a "grab it and use it" kitchen.

Try this recipe at home: Offset a bright-white palette layered with an abundance of stainless steel by bringing in natural wood. The soft tone of the harvest table adds warmth and texture in this tight-squeeze kitchen/dining room. Here the table also serves as an impromptu island and valuable work surface for the cook.





efficient + free



smart + sweet



cute + clever



SMART+SWEET Make a basic shelf unit (with extra storage space for office and craft supplies) double as a side table. To dress this one up, Diana found a lovely coverlet (“I really liked the scalloped edging”) and cut it to fit. Hook-and-loop tape and a needle and thread are all it took to complete the transformation.

SIMPLE+SLEEK Use a bookcase to keep things in order. Marco made this one as a place to keep cookbooks and magazines out of sight but at hand in the kitchen. Diana used numbered canvas bins for a uniform look. The mirror above—like many others scattered throughout the apartment—bounces light and helps create the illusion of more space.

EFFICIENT+FREE A cupboard can be a pantry as well as a library. Closed doors, baskets, and pasta jars maintain an uncluttered look.

CUTE+CLEVER Dress up an ordinary sink stand in no time by adding yards of cotton seersucker. Diana keeps things tidy with plastic bins and a small file cabinet. ☺



simple + sleek