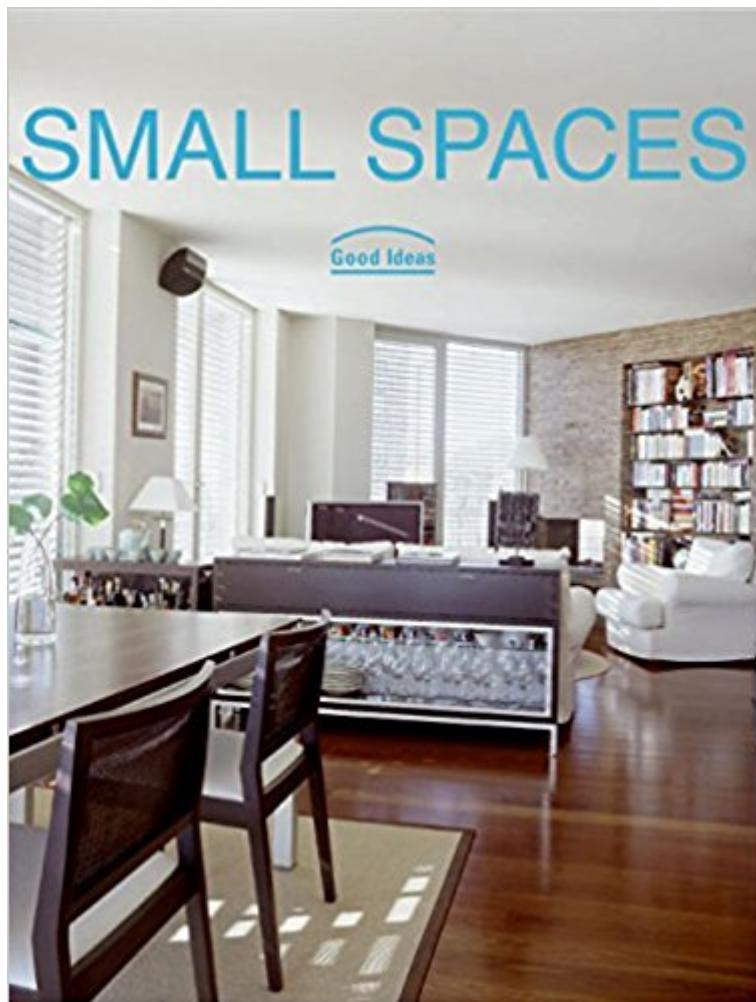


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# Small Spaces: Good Ideas



## Synopsis

Most homeowners would like to turn their small space into a home that looks and feels bigger, and Small Spaces: Good Ideas will help them do just that. The perfect "idea" book, it's full of photographs and organized by the key element for the best use of space -- furniture, decor, lighting, and more. The wide range of examples in Small Spaces: Good Ideas makes it a helpful companion for homeowners looking to maximize living spaces between 110 and 910 square feet. This practical reference not only showcases innovative solutions with an emphasis on multifunctional uses for tight spaces, it includes a handy resource section with information about featured products and manufacturers -- making it simple for readers to implement what they see. Small Spaces: Good Ideas will serve as inspiration not only for professionals in the interior design field but for apartment-dwellers and anyone else looking to turn small spaces into bigger places -- even if it only seems that way.

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## Customer Reviews

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Fast delivery, great price, beautifully edited, really worth it. Thanks!

Of all of the design and architecture books in my library, I have to confess that this is the only one that I have ever read cover to cover. This wonderful book contains 51 gorgeously photographed small living spaces from 150-968 square feet - each one a jewel box of contemporary minimalist design. Here the art of living has been reduced to the basic essentials of ample light, beautiful design, clever storage, and minimal possessions. Each project is sparingly and simply described, with architectural drawings included in most sections. What a joy it is to be immersed in this book, imagining myself as a sophisticated debutante living in the chic apartment in Shepherd's Bush London, or a modern day hermit communing with the Divine in the Itamar Cave in Jerusalem, or an expatriate writer on a long, but fruitful sabbatical at Darmos House in Spain. Ah the joy of the simple life - unfettered by the weight of too many dusty possessions or heavy ornamentation - pure bliss!

Beautiful, funky and cutting edge interiors. High quality paper. Great reference because it also includes floor plans and elevations. Super cool and a great bargain for such a beautiful book.

While these sort of books offer lovely, crisp photographs, they contain very few ideas that are realistic when you're on a tight budget...or if you have children and safety is a concern. This book in particular didn't take safety or budget into concern from my perspective. Martha Stewart has a book geared at storage solutions and organizations that is actually practical and affordable that I have turned to time and time again. Truly, organization is the key to living in a small space successfully. Your best bet is to save your money on this book and take a peek at something geared toward organization and stylish storage.... and visit your local IKEA for instead. Regardless of your personal style preferences, IKEA stores are set-up in pre-furnished rooms that really let you test their practicality. If you aren't near an IKEA location, IKEA's website has an entire section devoted to design ideas PLUS you can request a FREE catalog that is jam packed with storage solutions and furniture arrangements that are intended to maximize space when it's at a minimum. The objects themselves aren't important when it comes to your personal style, so focus on placement and use of space rather than whether or not you like that particular cabinet or couch and you'll do great. For example, if country is your style--when you find a room layout that you like, just replace the leather mid-century sofa with a fluffy, cotton duck one instead. IKEA has really warmed up their styles lately so I'm sure you'll find something that works for you when browsing their catalogs and website. I've kept several of the last few IKEA catalogs at a cost of ZERO dollars for color schemes, hints on how to use light and texture, fun with fabrics and furniture arrangement with oodles of

storage. Hold onto them because they run out fast. If you are designing with practicality and comfort in mind but aren't near an IKEA store, I urge you to visit the IKEA website and browse their interactive catalog for hints..then print up a page that inspires you. You won't regret it!

This is a wonderful book to read if you want to imagine yourself living somewhere exotic in an uncluttered space with minimal (or no) possessions. It's all about design and I'm sure design mavens and architect-groupies will love it. I picked it up looking for "good ideas" (as advertised in the title) I could use in, or adapt for, my small condo. In my real life as a middle-class working person living in the US. I found none. Pretty pictures, though, of some inventive solutions to putting bed, bath, kitchen, and sitting facilities into small areas.

Great book! Lots of good information.

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