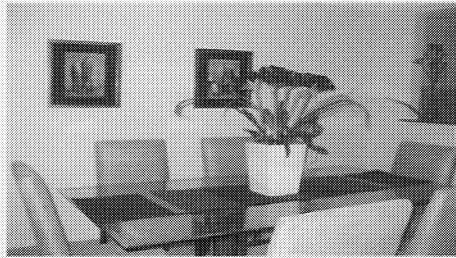


How To Create More Space



Space is something we all want more of so how can we get space?

- A little decluttering wouldn't hurt in some rooms. Excess coffee tables, chairs, pots and other bits and pieces we tend to collect could be stored somewhere else or given to charity. Too many ornaments give a feeling of clutter and lack of space. Less is more. Your home will feel bigger instantly!
- Clever storage solutions help to make space. Fitted measured storage such as wardrobes with inner shelving and drawers is the best option. Portable modular units can also be a cheaper and more practical solution. In a home office or family room, fitted shelving/ cabinetry is the best way to house your bits and pieces and create more space. Extra shelves in the laundry, over the door hooks for bathrooms, large decorative boxes or baskets to fit neatly into an area are ways to rid you of the clutter that creeps up on us.
- Visual effects using colour can also give the feeling of more space. A white ceiling gives a feeling of height. Vertical wide stripes create a longer look but beware if the ceilings are very high. Horizontal stripes stretch the space sideways and the room will look wider. This is better for rooms with high ceilings. The narrower the stripe in both these ideas, the more dramatic the effect will be.
- Lighter colours recede as they reflect light and give a feeling of more space but white can look very stark and cold, so it is better to use creams and beiges and warmer whites with a touch of colour in them.
- Keep flooring the same or similar tone. When you look through your house or apartment there is a flow and it looks bigger.
- Buy furniture that is proportional to the room size. Avoid buying a large lounge suite for a small living space. The room will look even smaller!
- Beautiful mirrors are available in most furniture shops and specialist mirror shops to place around the house to let in extra light, and reflections create more space.
- Dark timber around doors and cabinets looks heavy. Paint the timber a light colour and this will give the illusion of more space.
- Beds take up most of the room so cover them with lighter fabrics to make the room appear more spacious. To add more colours decorate with pretty cushions that are bright and spicy.
- Larger wall tiles in a small bathroom make the bathroom look a lot larger, especially in white or a very pale colour. The floor tiles in a darker tone brought up as a skirting board will make the floor space look larger.