

5 Tips for Displaying Art in Small Spaces

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Think small!

Are you living or working in a small space but still want to make an impact with art? Great news—you don't need a sprawling gallery to display your favorite pieces. In fact, art can transform even the coziest of spaces. Here are five creative tips to help you showcase art beautifully in any small area.



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Tip 1

Create a Focal Point

Small spaces often feel cluttered when too much is going on. The key is to create a focal point that draws the eye. Instead of hanging multiple smaller pieces that can overwhelm the room, choose one standout piece of abstract art. Center it on a main wall in your living room, bedroom, or home office. This approach not only simplifies the space but makes the artwork the star of the show.

Tip: Use a large canvas that contrasts with the wall color to make a bold statement.



Tip 2

Think Vertically

When horizontal space is limited, go vertical! Hanging art in a vertical arrangement helps elongate walls and draws the eye upward, making the room feel taller. A tall, narrow painting or a series of smaller works stacked one above the other can make a stunning impact.

Tip: Try hanging art above eye level to make the ceiling appear higher, which gives the illusion of more space.



Tip 3

Use Mirrors to Expand the Space

Mirrors are a small-space decorator's best friend because they reflect light and make a room feel larger. Pairing art with a strategically placed mirror can amplify this effect. For example, hang a mirror opposite your artwork to reflect the piece and create the impression of a larger room.

Tip: Choose a mirror with a simple, sleek frame so it doesn't compete with your art for attention.



Tip 4

Lean Art on Shelves

Not every piece needs to be hung on the wall. Leaning art on shelves or even directly on furniture like dressers or desks can give a casual, laid-back feel. This method is perfect for renters who want flexibility or for anyone who likes to rearrange their space often.

Tip: Place a mid-sized piece of art on a bookshelf, and arrange a few decorative objects around it for a cohesive display.



Tip 5

Opt for Multi-Functional Areas

In small spaces, functionality is key. Create a multi-functional area by incorporating art into spaces that serve a purpose. For instance, the space above your desk, the entryway, or even the hallway can double as mini art galleries. These areas are perfect for smaller pieces that pack a punch without taking over the space.

Tip: Rotate your artwork periodically in these spaces to keep things fresh and interesting.