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High style + creative use
of space = compact living
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COMPACT LIVING IS ON-TREND as more people choose an urban lifestyle and take on a “less is more” mindset. However, small square-footage doesn’t mean a home is small on style. These three small sanctuaries, designed by Rowland+Broughton Architecture and Urban Design, offer sophisticated style, ultimate organization and a forward-thinking approach to space management.

“Everything has to be functional,” says Sarah Broughton, principal at Rowland+Broughton. “Nothing is in excess.” In the Durant loft in Aspen, an open-trussed ceiling allowed space for a sleeping loft, and a raised platform bedroom creates the illusion of separate spaces. The home, which tops out at 680-square-feet of living space, even includes a built-in desk with ample workspace and storage.

A second mini-abode—this one only 635-square-feet—capitalizes on wall space from floor to ceiling. One wall, features built-in shelving for maximum storage. Designers planned a consistent color for the walls, baseboard and door casings. “If you don’t break up a wall with different colors, it goes away,” says Broughton.

The largest in this series of compact condos is a mere 900-square-feet. In this unit, Rowland+Broughton incorporated smart seating options and a floating bed to maximize wall space. “The floating bed saves space,” says Broughton. “We were able to use one long wall for closets.” In the main area of the home, one long wall-mounted bench serves as seating for both the dining room and the living room.

One common theme throughout all of these petite places: Everything must have a place. Organization is the key to making a small space function properly. And organizing around a homeowner’s belonging makes each space truly custom and unique.



Small Spaces BIG STYLE



LEFT: Uniform flooring throughout the space creates a unified look, making the space feel larger. Floor-to-ceiling closed cabinetry keeps the look clean and uncluttered.

BELOW TOP: Bench seating accommodates dining and conversation while offering additional storage. A sliding, frosted-glass door keeps the bedroom private.

BELOW BOTTOM: The floating desk attached to the back of this headboard saves valuable wall space. The soft wood tones keep the space feeling light and airy.





TOP: A small sleeping quarter for guests hangs above the kitchen in this small condo. The living and dining space opens to a patio for additional living space.

RIGHT: Everything has its place on hooks or shelves along one long wall. The dining table is notched to adjoin the cabinetry for an inventive way to make everything fit.

BOTTOM: The floor-to-ceiling shelving stays tidy with baskets that keep items out of sight. The oversized sofa and chaise serves as a bed.

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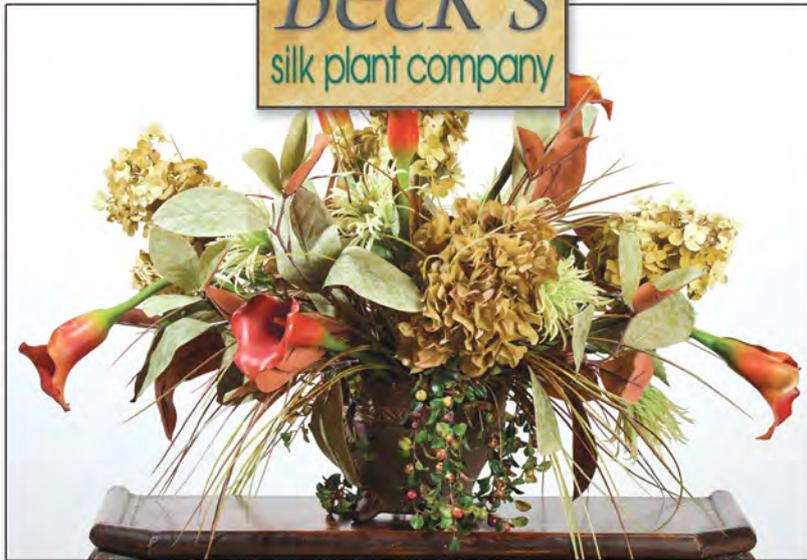
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