

Decorating your home can be difficult when you live in a small space and do not have as much room to express your style. Interiors expert Stuart Clark from [www.victoryblinds.com.au/](http://www.victoryblinds.com.au/) offers his top tips for how to style small spaces.

1. Paint your skirting boards

A trick to make space feel bigger is to paint the skirting boards the same color as the wall. This will elongate your walls and make them feel taller instead of cutting them short. This tip works best if you have painted your walls a dark color as a white skirting board would stand out and make the wall divided.

2. Add reflective surfaces

You can instantly create the illusion of space by simply adding mirrors to a room. This is because the mirror will reflect light around the room, accompanying a mirror with a light and airy color palette, which will add to the effect.

3. Replace curtains with blinds

Changing some parts of your room can make a huge difference, although curtains can add an element of luxury to a space, if the room is small, swap them out with blinds. Blinds can make a room look taller and as they free up space on either side of the window they instantly make a room feel bigger.

4. Be smart with storage

If you want a space to feel bigger it is best to keep it clean and free of clutter as too much furniture can make a room feel smaller than it is. Benches that have extra storage underneath are perfect or floating shelves that free up floor space and offer a smart solution to your storage needs.

5. Layered art

If you are an art lover but are lacking wall space, a shelf or nightstand layered with framed art can make a huge impact without having to waste any space. It also gives you a chance to add color to your room if you are sticking to a light color scheme.

6. Utilize light

Natural light is a small space's best friend. Maximize this hanging window furnishings like roller blinds, which can be tucked away during the day to let in as much light as possible. As natural light can only get you so far, be smart with your artificial light by having a mix of overhead and accent lighting. Wall lamps are a great option for saving floor space and making a room feel bigger.

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