

Organized Condo Living

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Size doesn't matter. Big ideas for small spaces.

Whether you have recently downsized or have resided in a condo for many years, you know all too well that storage and space are not always in abundance. Organizing small spaces doesn't have to be a difficult task. Most of the time it is because we usually have more stuff than we can store.

There are many areas in your home that can be used for storage that are often overlooked. Choose furniture and objects that can serve more than one function. Vintage trunks and luggage offer a great place to store items not used regularly. Pick pieces that have storage space built in – drawers, cabinets, etc. Avoid holding onto items that look good but are impractical and never used.

Lidded boxes/baskets are a great way to store/hide away those items that create visual clutter. These items can be placed on or under tables, consoles, hearths, and in your office.

In your condo, think vertical. There are lots of areas on your walls that once an attractive shelf or two are added, you will gain space otherwise unused to place your books, picture frames; don't be afraid to be creative. Lidded boxes/baskets can be a great addition here also.

Think low. Look for those areas around your condo that provide space at floor level- bottom of closets and under your bed or couch.

You don't need to display all you own. Rotation of favourite collectibles keeps things fresh. Remember less is more.

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching. To get a jump-start on organizing, de-cluttering or an extra hand to get it all done (Girl Friday), please contact Wendy for a complimentary consultation at 905.336.3874, www.neatspaces.ca.