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>> Tackling small spaces

Yanic Simard, principal designer for the Toronto Interior Design Group, was recently challenged to redesign a 511-square-foot condo to make it more livable.

"Quality, details and the right choices are paramount in designing a small space," says Simard. Here are a couple of Simard's tips for small spaces.

Visually appealing

The walls are painted in soft Classic Grey to lend a look of open space, and windows are framed with ceiling-to-floor sheer drapes to create privacy while maintaining the view of the city and lake. Simard also incorporated artwork throughout the space.

Furniture that fits

Selecting appropriately sized furniture was essential when furnishing this small condo. Scaling the furnishings to match the dimensions of each room allows for an easy flow of movement and also tricks the eye into the illusion of more space.



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RENOVATIONS

Making changes? Have a plan

CHERYLL GILLESPIE, SPECIAL TO SUN MEDIA — It's high season for home design. Home centres and design stores are bustling as we focus on redesign and renovation projects.

Canadians will spend more than \$30 billion, and untold time and energy, on home improvements this year. So it's imperative to do them right the first time.

Following these basic project guidelines will help ensure a successful project.

Sit in the space we're about to redesign and taking an honest look around, defining and evaluating the room. Ask yourself, what are the room's strengths and weaknesses. Positives such as fabulous fireplaces, high ceilings, and windows with great views can be enhanced, while less redeeming features such as off-centre architectural elements, low ceilings, or small spaces can be minimized or camouflaged.

Your next step is where the fun begins, creating colour and textural palettes.

It's important to understand that texture can create as much visual excitement and drama in a space as colour. Knowing how to use texture is vital if you're drawn to a monochromatic colour scheme.



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Try not to be predictable in how you use or

place your furniture. Keep pieces away from the wall. The room needs to breathe, so be sure to give each item the space it needs and don't be afraid to angle your furniture to create a much more interesting placement.

Look at accent pieces and their positioning. Every room must have a focal point. Natural focuses in a living

room are a fireplace or a window with a great view, not the television. In the bedroom, it's the head of the bed. Arrange furniture so that all main seats engage with the focal point.

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Homeowners plan renos: Survey

A healthy majority of Ontario homeowners have recently completed or are planning renovations, says a new RBC survey.

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