

Storage

One of the most important aspects of successfully transforming a small space is the provision of sufficient storage. Without enough of it the space will seem full and cluttered and everyday tasks will take longer without the clear organizational structure that clever solutions provide. These not only include cupboards, wardrobes, or shelves. Many designers have devised other interesting strategies, from hanging systems to floors that become places to hide away belongings.



Simple shelves

Kvart Interiör has added a series of simple timber shelves in this Scandinavian apartment. Supported by metal brackets, the shelves are elevated in order to allow storage beneath.



Customizing with colored plywood panels

This 38 m² (409 ft²) apartment in Moscow by Proforma Design features a limited palette of just two materials: concrete and plywood. Plywood is used for the floor, furniture, and walls, which are clad with colored plywood panels. The panels are perforated with holes, into which timber pins can be inserted to transform the space with various shelves and hooks.

Walls of timber storage

This house by Josep Ferrando Architecture in the historic Spanish city of Sant Cugat is wedged into a gap just 5 m (16 ft) wide between two existing buildings and behind a retained facade. Oriented strand board (OSB) walls create volumes within the space and link the changing floor levels, while a network of timber shelves link the spaces.

