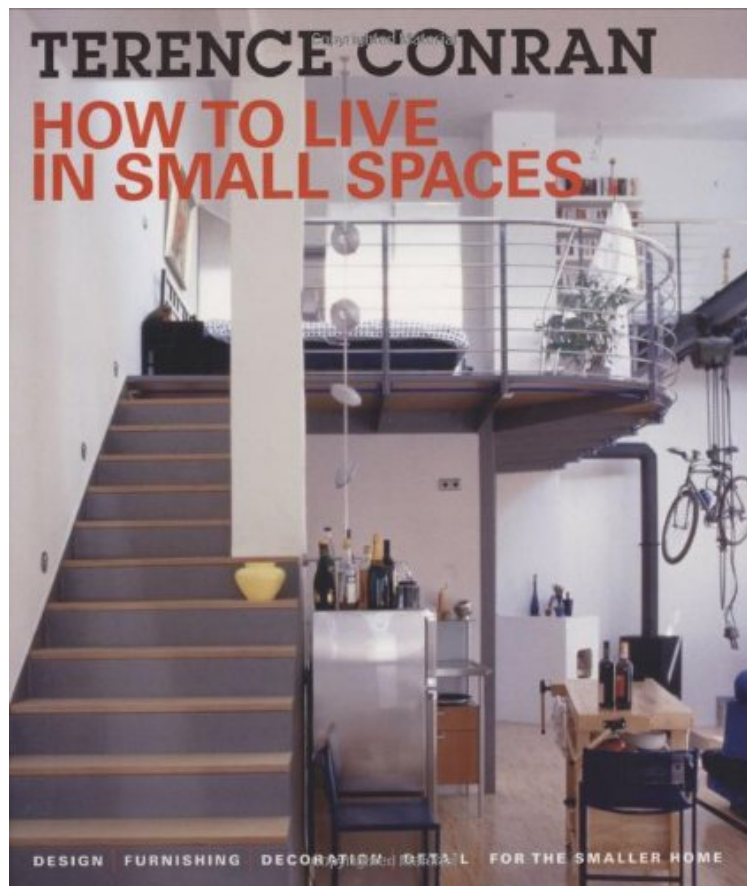


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A world-renowned design authority shows how to make the most of every square foot. Whether motivated by soaring energy costs, smaller families or the desire to live more simply, homeowners are abandoning "McMansions" for smaller housing. In *How to Live in Small Spaces*, Terence Conran explains that what's paramount to livability is not square footage, but how the space is divided. In this comprehensive, full color book, Conran tackles the many challenges posed by small spaces. Chapters cover storage, bedrooms, children's rooms, lighting, extension and much more. "Assessing your needs" checklists and "points to consider" sidebars add valuable ideas. The six case studies that conclude the book provide excellent examples of great designs. The author offers practical advice on exploiting every inch of space through: Using fold-down and pull-out features Buying slimline appliances Installing indoor portholes and windows Lessening the impact of furniture Using scale and proportion to advantage Manipulating color, texture and pattern Using screens, partitions and platforms Improving circulation paths. Terence Conran never forgets the challenges posed by small spaces or the ingenuity and compromises required. He shows how easy it is to create a home whose comfort is not dependent on size, but on efficiency and integrity.

From Publishers Weekly Founder of Habitat stores, designer and author Conran (*The Ultimate House Book*) recognizes in this prescient work that being upwardly mobile no longer translates into living large, particularly for urban dwellers. Opting for a smaller home enables one to live in a more desirable location, perhaps closer to work; a smaller home is cheaper to run (think energy), easier to maintain and forces one to be more selective in purchases and less acquisitive. "Think laterally and creatively" is Conran's dictum, for example, in assessing needs, decorating the space to make the most of light and air, simplifying architectural details, building in storage and investing in functional, dual-use furniture, i.e., wall beds in neutral shades. Conran is fond of open-concept layouts to permit freer circulation space and is not afraid of suggesting strong color for tight spaces. He emphasizes the importance of lighting, especially diffuse lighting. And once you've done all you can yourself, subsequent chapters treat hiring assistance for converting attics, basements and sheds. In "Area by Area," Conran tackles each tight living space specifically for maximum use: kitchen, bedroom, children's room, bathroom, even small yards. Six case studies nicely conclude this enormously accessible volume, from a studio in L.A. to a split-level apartment in Paris and an engawa house in Tokyo. (May) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Sleep cylinders, shacks, tree tents and modular pods are examples (if extreme ones) of the mold-breaking ideas in this workbook by the British home-design magnate. (David Lewis Taylor *In Style Home*) No more complaining. Legendary London-based designer Terence Conran has compiled techniques for making the most of cramped quarters. (Darcel Rockett Antelope Valley Press 2007-04-08) Terence Conran is a space-challenged person's best friend. (Shelf Life) This large book on small spaces is a great coffee table and resource book. (The Cottager) Provides ways to maximize every inch of your home. (Leanne Idle Dayton Daily News 2007-05-05) No more complaining. Legendary London-based designer Terence Conran has compiled techniques for making the most of cramped quarters. (Warwick Beacon 2006-04-26) Lavishly illustrated, it makes living, cooking, entertaining, working and sleeping in less than 1,000 square feet easy and even desirable. (Marilyn Soltis Chicago Life) Proves that small can definitely be better.... Conran shows you how you can live well in a small space. (Style at Home) Plenty of innovative solutions ... Conran keeps to a practical theme including some advice early on that will help in getting rid of the vast amount of possessions that many of us no longer need. (Bruce Patterson Victoria Times-Colonist 2007-04-22) [Readers] will find scores of renovation and ideas about how to maximise their space. (George Fetherling Seven Oaks Magazine 2007-04-09) Packed with myriad possibilities on how small scale can still contain big style. (Mary Daniels Chicago Tribune 2007-03-25) Conran ... offers his latest insights into how to cope with a lack of living space.... Useful for people headed the property ladder. (Jane Gadd Toronto Globe and Mail 2007-04-27) Inspirational in its sophisticated approach to decorating and stretching space. (Donna Jean Mackinnon Toronto Star 2007-04-19) This jumbo journal of small-home living could inspire you to move into your own teensy space.... Conran, a designer, teaches from experience ... his text, tips and "points to consider" are relevant and straightforward. Nicely illustrated with a wide range of international examples. (Sandy Dunham Seattle Times 2007-06-02) Prescient ... Conran tackles each tight living space specifically for maximum use... Enormously accessible. (Publishers Weekly 2007-03-05) No matter what the size of your residence there are plenty of suggestions here to help you better utilize the space and in the process improve your home. (Terry Peters Vancouver North Shore News 2007-04-25) As practical as it is insightful, [*How to Live in Small Spaces*] cover everything from decor tips to storage solutions. (F.S. Western Living Condo) Shows how a little can be a lot if the space is used wisely.... The book is packed with practical, time-proven ways to make the most of what you've got. (HRN: The Weekly Newspaper of Home Products Retail 2007-02-26) When Terence Conran ... says a well-designed home isn't about how much space you have, but how you divide it, we're inclined to believe him. ... Conran shows how a little planning can yield spectacular results. (Chocolat (English edition) 2007-04-01) Well-articulated advice for making the most of every inch. (Design Lines Toronto) Conran does a good job of explaining how to see the potential

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