

MICRO MARVEL



MAXIMIZING MINIMAL
The design of this apartment is based on optical illusions and clever visual tricks that give the appearance of more space. The grays and charcoals of the furniture blend with the color scheme of the room, almost shifting it outward to merge with the walls.

ELEGANT ENLARGEMENTS The height of the ceiling and use of large mirrors all enhance the sense of volume. Keeping the color palette and contents uniform and less complex minimizes the negative effects of clutter that could result when storage and square footage are limited.



Full-size furnishings make a diminutive apartment luxurious.

500 SQUARE FOOT STUDIO

- **STYLE:** Old-world elegant meets modern eclectic
- **RENOVATIONS:** Wall of walk-in closets added to hide storage and house small kitchen; tall ceilings allowed loft area to be built for bedroom
- **DESIGN CHALLENGE:** To use substantial furnishings within a small footprint
- **SOLUTION:** Monochromatic color scheme for armoires so they blend into walls; deep-colored living area furniture to anchor room; fold-away dining table

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This smart, compact apartment is the New York equivalent to a crow's nest, overlooking a busy commuter street in uptown Manhattan. In an eminently desirable and lively city such as this, where living space is at a premium, clever design is key. Here, the limited space available has been ingeniously adapted to make use of every square foot. What appears at first glance to be a wall is, in fact, a row of large walk-in closets. The kitchen, too, is no more than a small

cupboard cleverly designed to incorporate all you need to cook and entertain. Even the study is hidden behind a double-height door leading off the main sitting area. Adjustable and foldaway furniture, such as the dining table, allows the freedom of choosing to utilize the space for specific purposes.

One-Color Calm

Throughout the apartment, monochrome décor has been used to promote a feeling of calm and order. In addition, the masculine black upholstery acts as an interior slimming aid, making the furniture in the living area appear less dominant.

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