

# SIX TIPS FOR A SMALL BUT MIGHTY KITCHEN

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The kitchen is the heart of every home, but when space is limited, it takes smart planning and creative solutions to create a multifunctional and aesthetically appealing kitchen. We've provided six insightful tips to help you make the most out of the space you have in your small kitchen. With these simple tips, your small kitchen will feel and function like a much larger space.

If you are planning a complete remodel on your small kitchen, check out The Laura Report on You-Tube for more helpful advice. ❖

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## SMALLER APPLIANCES

Having a smaller kitchen doesn't mean you have to compromise on modern kitchen comforts. Pint-sized appliances take up less space and stand ready to take on the tasks of regular-sized appliances.



## MACGYVER STORAGE

By incorporating clever, space-maximizing storage solutions in your small kitchen, you will be able to utilize any and all open space. Consider corner drawers, pullout trash bins and drawer organizers. A slim pullout pantry can be tucked into the tightest of spaces.



## OPEN SHELVING

A smart storage solution that reduces visual weight and makes kitchen essentials easily accessible is open shelving. If you already have solid cabinets, changing the doors with a glass front will give the kitchen a more open feeling.



## STORAGE TO THE CEILING

Even if you can't easily access what's in the top cabinets, storage is always needed in a small kitchen. Having ceiling-height cabinets also visually expands the space and draws the eye upward.



## CREATIVE LIGHTING

Filling the space with natural light will go a long way towards making a small area look more spacious. If you are limited on windows, the next best thing is to install lighting above and below your cabinets to brighten and visually enlarge your space.



## WALL MOUNTS

If you have empty walls, don't just fill them with a calendar or a clock. Make the most of your open space by mounting racks or hooks to hold your kitchen accessories or pots and pans. This is also a wonderful way to eliminate clutter on your countertops.