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HGTV Design Expert Shares Tricks and Trade Secrets in *Libby Langdon's Small Space Solutions*

“Small is the new big.” That’s what HGTV personality, interior designer, style maven, and author of the soon to be released book, ***Libby Langdon's Small Space Solutions: Stylish Design Ideas for Every Room—and Every Budget*** (Knack, an imprint of Globe Pequot Press; Feb 12th, 2009; ISBN: 978-1-59921-424-5; \$24.95; Original Trade Paperback), **Libby Langdon**, has noticed on her home-front travels. With the economy down, more and more people—young couples, growing families, empty nesters and single urban professionals—are avoiding the upgrade to bigger dwellings or even opting to downsize to smaller ones.

In ***Small Space Solutions***, the small-space design specialist offers abundant tips, tools and tricks for avoiding common small-space mistakes, fixing common small-space quandaries and tapping every small home’s potential to be gracious, inviting and extremely functional.

As Libby knows from her work with numerous high-profile clients and on two hit makeover shows-- HGTV’s *Small Space, Big Style* and Fox’s *Design Invasion*—scaling down doesn’t mean sacrificing comfort, luxury or style. “Great design comes in all shapes and sizes,” Libby attests. “Sometimes living with less is the ultimate luxury.”

True to her own style, Libby makes it all easy, affordable and fun! Relying on four “building blocks” of design—**layout, color, light and storage solutions**—she shows how to *visually* create more space as well as *literally* create it. She can demystify why and demonstrate how to:

- Size up a room’s proportions and effectively position and re-purpose furniture;
- Find the “theme” of your living room and make a huge personal style statement;
- Maximize the impact of boldly painted walls and contrasting colors and patterns;
- Style and arrange items in a wall unit and display artwork like a pro;
- Add lots of style without spending lots of cash; (I really don’t touch on anything too eco-friendly or green in the book so I want to be careful touting it like that)
- Liven and lighten up any room with lighting schemes, plants and mirrors;
- Inexpensive yet innovative headboard ideas and ways to layer bed linens for a dreamy, inviting bedroom;
- Change the look and feel of a small bathroom without breaking the bank; and

- Enjoy a chic, clutter-free home office (even if it's tucked into the corner of your bedroom)...and much, much more!

Quotes for *Libby Langdon's Small Space Solutions*

“Whatever Libby Langdon takes on, whether it be designing a New York City restaurant or decorating a Hampton’s hideaway, you know the end result is going to be done with style. This instructive book is no exception.”

- BOBBY FLAY, chef and cookbook author, owner of Mesa Grill, Bar American, and Bobby Flay Steak

“Libby Langdon’s book is absolutely packed with solutions for small-space living, from high end custom designs to clever and affordable ideas for every budget”

- SUSAN VICTORIA, Senior Editor, Architecture and Design, Metropolitan Home Magazine

“Like having a high energy designer and personal organizer by your side, with this book Libby offers chic and stylish solutions for all your decorating needs. It is a must read if you are seeking to simplify, organize and bring beauty into your apartment or small home. Sure to become a style book staple, this is one reference guide you will turn to again and again for practical advice and inspiration.”

BOB KERREY, President, The New School

“We appreciate any woman who makes small things look a lot bigger. And Libby’s interior decorating ideas are awesome, too!”

PETER & BOBBY FARRELLY, film writer/directors

Libby's Top Ten Design Mistakes You Can Avoid If You Live In a Small Space**

- 1. Leaving your walls white.** White walls won't technically make your space larger and they lack personality. Spice up your space, have a little fun and paint some color on your walls!
- 2. Using large-scale furniture.** Oversized pieces can hog square footage, and using better-proportioned furniture can allow you to create a more functional and comfortable living space.
- 3. Lack of light.** Not lighting your space effectively makes it look smaller. If you can't see an area in your room it's as if it's not there! Capitalizing on natural light and bringing in artificial light is imperative.
- 4. Using short shelving and cabinetry.** Using full-scale shelves and cabinets that go all the way up to the ceiling visually draw the eye upward making the ceiling seem higher and your space feel larger.
- 5. Keeping clutter.** Holding onto too much stuff and not throwing away clutter can make even a large space feel small. When in doubt, throw it out!
- 6. Using small-scale accessories.** Large lamps, artwork, candles, vases and accessories create the appearance of greater space and more height. No wimpy lamps!
- 7. Not using mirrors.** Mirrors reflect light, whether it's daylight or lamplight, and they visually make your space feel larger by adding depth and dimension.
- 8. Not capitalizing on your wall space.** Think vertically and get your walls working for you! Mount shelving or storage systems up on your walls to display collections and store items so you don't waste precious table space. This will also help focus your items in one spot so your space feels more organized.
- 9. Using all wood furniture.** It makes a room feel clunky and bottom heavy, but by mixing in glass-topped tables with wood pieces you give your room a lighter, airier and more open feel.
- 10. Using small area rugs.** A small area rug can look like a postage stamp and make your room feel cramped, but using a large rug creates an extended visual line and gives the illusion of more square footage.

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Libby Langdon will be criss-crossing the country doing design seminars/ book signings- exact times and locations are still TBD. If audio visual equipment is available, Libby has images that can be projected during her presentation that illustrate her design tips. In today's world of rising green" awareness and shrinking budgets, Libby's ***Small Space Solutions*** is certain to find a big avid audience.

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About Libby Langdon

Libby Langdon is an interior designer and expert commentator on HGTV's hit show "Small Space, Big Style." She offers insights, techniques and tips to help viewers make the most of their own small space. Previously, Libby hosted and was the lead designer on the FOX makeover TV show, "Design Invasion." Libby founded "Libby Interiors" in 2003 and has completed numerous commercial and residential design projects all over the country.

She designed the New York City restaurant, La Masseria, which was voted as one of the top ten new restaurants in the United States by *Esquire*. She also designed the flagship store for Italian designer Massimo Bizzocchi in New York's Meatpacking District.

Libby has designed private residences in New York's Sagaponack, East Hampton and Southampton, and several apartments in New York City. She recently designed homes for PGA golfers Justin Leonard and Joe Ogilvie in Texas, as well as Brad Faxon's waterfront home in Rhode Island. She's designed a loft apartment in Providence, RI as well as the pro shop of the exclusive Atlantic Golf Club in Bridgehampton, NY. Libby is currently designing a small stone cottage on a vineyard in Italy and an apartment in Manhattan.

Libby designed the Living Green exhibit for Better Homes and Gardens Magazine that showcases her design ideas and tips on Eco friendly and stylish interiors. The 2500sq foot home exhibit traveled to home shows in 15 cities across the country during 2008. She regularly shoots segments for the Better Homes and Gardens syndicated TV show, BetterTV about her experience discovering Green design as well as general interior design tips. Libby is also a regular on WCBS radio as an Interior Design/ Lifestyle expert.

Libby's designs have been featured in numerous national shelter magazines and on the covers of *Hamptons Cottages and Gardens* and *Decorating Spaces*. She is a small space expert to *Decorating with Style*, and *Budget Decorating, Glamour* and several other design magazines. Libby regularly gives seminars about design in small spaces to furniture retailers and manufacturers, offering ways to court the small space consumer.

Libby is a regular contributor to the nation's top daily papers with design, food and entertaining ideas.

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