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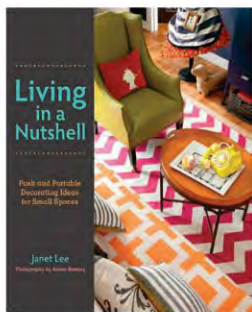
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CORRECTION In the Spring 2012 issue of *CS Interiors*, on page 66, we incorrectly listed Jessica Williams' husband's name and her website address. The correct spelling is Luke Williams and the URL is jessicaynwilliams.com. *CS Interiors* regrets the error.

Small Space, Big Sensation

By Margaret Sutherland
Photography by Katrina Wittcamp

Oprah show veteran Janet Lee tackles small-scale living in her new DIY-decorating guide *Living in a Nutshell* (HarperCollins, \$25). Perfect for the renter, Lee's cheat sheets are filled with designer tricks to maximize space and budget-friendly projects to get high style in a temporary and compact space (think creating wallpaper with a little starch and patterned linens or adding a sleek portable fireplace in any room).



Living in a Nutshell: Push and Portable Decorating Ideas for Small Spaces by Janet Lee

In terms of making the most of spaces with some challenges in the square-footage category, local interior designer Whitney Mersman of Summer Thornton Design knows that the right scale can mean the difference between bottleneck or breathing room.

When ultra-chic Chicago jewelry designer Jennifer Worman needed an interior update for her Bucktown abode's small living room, dining room and foyer, she called on the firm known for creating elegant environments with just the right amount of the unexpected.

"At the very beginning of the process, we asked Jen for her favorite fashion designers: Diane Von Furstenberg, Alice and Olivia, and Chanel," explains Mersman, the lead designer on the project. "We took color aspects and shapes from the clothing and that's how we came up with the colors and mood for the rooms." CONTINUED...



HAUTE TOPIC
Clockwise from top left: Summer Thornton, client Jennifer Worman and lead designer Whitney Mersman strike a post-project pose.

CHANDELIER
Circa Lighting

DINING CHAIRS
Clarence House's Silk Velvet

SAARINEN DINING TABLE
Client's Own

COWHIDE RUG
West Elm



VINTAGE QUEEN ANN MIRROR Revision Home



VINTAGE BRASS TABLE LAMP Summer Thornton Design Collection

WATERFALL LUCITE CONSOLE Plexi-Craft



SOFA Jonathan Adler

COCKTAIL TABLE Horchow

ANTIQUE GILT CHAIR WITH VINTAGE IKAT SILK UPHOLSTERY Jayson Home

...CONTINUED Getting three distinct functions out of approximately 400-square-feet of space meant creating glamour in a more subtle way. The Cole & Sons' metallic Istanbul wallpaper for the dining room and foyer became the design compass while addressing the scale challenge posed by the 20-foot ceiling height. "Wallpaper is a great and easy way to get dramatic impact in small spaces," says Mersman. "The metallic print is so beautiful, especially when the sun shines in and reflects off of it." Additional elements in gold, beige and gray—such as the antique bar cart and Pindler & Pindler drapery—add dimension to the color scheme.

In the foyer, a vintage oversize Queen Anne mirror from Revision Home and an airy custom contemporary Lucite table from Plexi-Craft add drama, while the chandelier over a scaled down Saarinen dining table lends a more intimate, inviting vibe for entertaining without feeling cramped. The cowhide rug under the raspberry-velvet vintage dining chairs keeps things a tad casual, so the space can transform seamlessly as the day progresses from waffles to whatever's on the dinner menu that evening.

The bold animal print rug anchors the small living area's vintage ikat-upholstered chair, and the Jonathan Alder sofa helps define the space without being stuffy. "The gilded chair with vintage fabric was such a unique find," says Mersman. "It's a great statement for the room. It's fun, beautiful and reflects Jennifer's personality."

Couture-clothing-inspired prints, combinations of standout colors and the mix of modern and vintage make the Worman home appear to be not too cramped, and certainly not too sparse, but to have just the right dose of high fashion home accessories. ■



DRAPERY FABRIC WITH GROSGRAIN TRIM Pindler & Pindler/Samuel & Sons

WALLPAPER Cole & Sons' Istanbul In Color Beige/Gold

VINTAGE SMOKEY GLASS LAMP WITH EBONY SHADE Revision Home

GOLD BAR CART Mecox