

## How to decorate a smaller space for Christmas

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### **Christmas tree alternatives**

The Christmas tree tends to be the biggest culprit when it comes to taking up space since they're usually a few feet tall at least and several feet around at their base. Even worse, if your Christmas tree is a fake one, it is stored away in a large box that might take up a lot of your valuable closet space the rest of the year. One option, of course is to just get a very small tree, a real one if you don't want to store it year round. But if a small tree looks too pathetic to you, you can decorate a large house plant or cactus that you already have in the home so you're not taking up any additional space. The best space-saving option is to purchase strips of fake or real pine and attach them to a wall in your home in gradually increasing lengths as you work your way down the wall. All of these options are cheaper and won't rob you of a lot of square footage.

### **Off tree-ornaments**

If you're going without a traditional Christmas tree but still want to hang some Christmas ornaments, you can get creative with off-tree ornament ideas. For instance, you can hang glass-ball ornaments from a chandelier or fill a large glass bowl with ornaments.

### **Think beyond the holidays**

As mentioned above with the Christmas tree, decorations not only take up space while they're on display, they take up space year round when they're in storage. When purchasing Christmas decorations, try to choose items that are big on charm but not actually big. Ideally, you'll be able to fit everything into one plastic storage bin that

you can easily pull out when needed and store away when you're done with it.

### **All white**

Darker reds and greens make a space look smaller than it is so go with a white, wintry look to make your space feel larger. You can purchase white baseboard radiator covers to make your baseboard heating system match your theme.

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