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NATE'S SMALL SPACE MIRACLE

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OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Nate calls it the most challenging makeover he's ever done.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): It is the smallest space I've ever been in.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Only 250 itty-bitty square feet. Nate and I are standing in a replica. This is it. Now, watch the big reveal. Then, inside Nate's new teeny tiny New York apartment. He's tearing down the walls. And the results--plus, incredible inventions. The latest products and big ideas if you live in a small space.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...great concept.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Hey, we're in bed together. Next.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): America, America, this is the year to make your home your castle. How many of you think that your house is too small?

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): And that you don't have enough space? Don't have enough space.

AUDIENCE (GROUP): No.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Well, today is the day to stop letting your lack of square footage limit your vision, because Mr. Cutie pie himself, Nate Berkus.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): He's back with the answers to all of your small space dilemmas, and what he calls the most challenging, he said it now, I didn't say it, it's the most challenging makeover of his career. Don't you wanna see what that would be?

AUDIENCE (GROUP): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Okay. Okay. Joe, pull wide. Let's get a wide shot here. Here's the deal, Nate and I are standing in a replica of my first guest's 250, not 250,000, not 25,000, not 2,000, but 250 square-foot apartment.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): This is it.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): This is it.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yep.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): It's like this.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Back to--hi.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Hi. How are you?

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Hi. How are you? How are you?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Working and sleeping.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): This is it.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Right.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): I mean, where is the stove part? Where do you, where is it?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): There wasn't a stove.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): There wasn't a stove?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): No. No stove.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Really?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yep. That's the kitchen.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Oh, this represents the kitchen.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): So the microwave counter, that's...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): There's a toaster, a little refrigerator, yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Wow. Okay. It's a home so tiny that it's like living in a one-car garage.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): It is. That's exactly what it feels like.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Okay. So when we received this tape, we couldn't believe our eyes. But this is it.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Oprah, I have to tell you, I bought this place a year ago. It's about 250 square feet. I share it with two cats, Louie and Prada. It's a little small. I'm right here in midtown Manhattan. I walk to work. I walk to visit my friends, restaurants, shops, you name it. Here's my bed/sofa. I love to read, so I keep my books by my bed. Let me show you my library. This is Martha's library. You've got to admit that it's creative. And here's my closet. Whoops, sorry about that.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): I just don't have room to store the pillows. Here is my study. My desk also doubles as the cat's scratching post.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Since storage is a problem when you have small spaces, I got these hatboxes, and in here is where I put my lingerie.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Each hatbox has a different item. The kitchen, as you can see, I don't have an oven and I don't have a stove, because I don't have any space. My refrigerator is the same size as the kitty litter bag.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Now for the bathroom. Oprah, if I ever get a date and he's uncomfortable sitting on my bed with me, he can always come into the bathroom and sit on the toilet. He'll be facing the kitty litter box. So help, Oprah, help. I truly need your help.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Well, that would be a challenge.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Oh, it was crazy.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Crazy?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Because Martha's space is so teeny, we weren't sure if a makeover was even possible. So who do we send? Cutie pie, to check it out for himself. And this is what happened when Nate arrived.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Hi, Martha.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): (Makes sound).

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): How are you?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): It's you. It's you.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): It's me.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): I can't believe it's you.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Well, it's so nice to meet you.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Come on in now.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Okay. But, it's tiny, right?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): It's small, so you have to shimmy in.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You're not lying, right? It's small.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I'm going in.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): You have to shimmy in.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I'm shimmying in. This is the smallest space I have ever been in. Period, the end. Touch this wall with your hand. Okay, here we are. This is it. This is the house. Close your eyes for me. Now, talk to me about what you think this place should feel like.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): It feels warm. I like color...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Mm-hmm.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): ...and I like pattern.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Okay. Are there colors that you don't like?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Can't do gray.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Okay. I'm sitting here head-to-toe gray.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Right. Hope I'm the right guy for the job. Okay, so Martha...

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Okay. Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...can we talk about this apartment?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Yes. I moved in New Year's Eve, 14 months ago.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Okay.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): And I didn't have any money to move...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): New Year's Eve.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): ...to hire a mover, so I used the bus and I walked.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You used the bus and you moved into this apartment by yourself?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Yep. I've had suitcases in my closet.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Okay. How many times did you have to go back and forth?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Oh, several. I slept on the floor for six weeks.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Did you not have the money to buy the bed--right away?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): No.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): 'Cause it was, what?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): At the closing I was rolling pennies.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Martha's home may be small, but she says she is grateful for every single inch.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Nate, this apartment is a gift. There isn't another place on this earth I would rather live in.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You've inspired me, really, because I love how full of life and energy you are. And so, you trust me to do what I need to do here?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): I trust you 1,000%.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): It's fantastic. Okay. So many of you saw the show we did recently called "The Secret." And this is really in line with that, because what Nate was saying about your positive attitude and how, you know, the fact that you could sit in that little small space, this little small space, and say, there's no place on earth I'd rather live, because I'm so grateful for it, that is what drew him to you. You get that, right?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Absolutely.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): That's how that happened. Nate's vision was to transform Martha's tiny, little, drab apartment into a jaw-dropping jewel box in the city utilizing every inch

of her 250 square feet. In just two and a half weeks, Nate and his team created a one of a kind masterpiece. I haven't seen this either. Can't wait to see it.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Well, we're outside of Martha's New York City apartment, and this has been an unbelievable makeover.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Take another look at what Martha's apartment used to look like.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): All right. Well, I think it's time to go in.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Okay.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): All right. I will let you open the door.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): (Makes noise). Oh, my goodness. Oh, my goodness. Oh, my goodness, this looks like a palace.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): How did I do, honey ?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Thank you so much. Oh, it's so fabulous. Thank you so much.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You're so welcome.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Oh, thank you so much.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I can't breathe.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I'm so happy that you love this.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): This is like—I can't believe--this is so creative.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Nate gave the room lots of drama with a tented ceiling.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): This is actually a very traditional decorating design.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Really?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): A tented room.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Wall-to-wall floral curtains are in Martha's favorite colors.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Isn't it beautiful?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Wonderful chandelier. It makes me absolutely regal, regal.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): This to me makes the whole, this makes the whole space feel so glamorous.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Martha has more storage than she ever dreamed of with custom floor-to-ceiling closets.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Every square inch of this apartment is utilized now.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Oh, absolutely, absolutely.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Every wall either has some sort of system...

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Absolutely.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...I mean, people living in small spaces across the country can do this.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You can put fabric. You can come out 20 inches...

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Mm-hmm.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...and have all the storage behind it.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Nate says in a small space, everything must have its own place.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Lowe's did a closet made, custom closet for you. We counted all your bags.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Oh, my God.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): We counted your shoes.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Oh, that's so smooth.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I wanted everything to have a spot, jewelry.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): My jewelry. Fabulous.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): It's like a, it's like a lady's boudoir.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Yes.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You know, I wanted you to have a place where you could sit down like a princess and put your makeup on and get ready for an evening out. So here's your new vanity here. Have a seat right here.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Oh, thank you. Thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Remember Martha's old library?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Your library is out from under the bed.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): I have bookshelves. I have a chair, so people don't have to sit on the toilet when they come...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Nope. You have two chairs, actually. And that table lifts up to reveal more storage.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Before, Martha had no oven, no stove, and a dorm-sized fridge. Now she can cook up a storm in her new state-of-the-art kitchen.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Oh, I've got a kitchen. And, and little bowls for Louie and Prada.

AUDIENCE (GROUP): Aw.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Martha, these appliances actually do double duty. They're all from GE and they are the Profile Series. The dishwasher is designed to fit under a sink. You have an electric touch sensor cook top. And this is not a microwave. It's actually the Advantium oven, and it's got four things. So it's a microwave, an oven, a toaster and a warmer, all in one. And, of course, the Profile stainless steel refrigerator.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): A refrigerator.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I know, you finally got...

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): A refrigerator.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): So, Lowe's gave us the Shenandoah cabinets. And here's the best.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Yes.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): These all have, like, these...

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Yes.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...pullouts for storage.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Oh, cool.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Martha's outdated bathroom is now a luxurious, little loo.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): So, Martha, your bath is still small. But I had all of the fixtures re-glazed. So the tub has been re-glazed, the sink. A new beautiful mirror.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): New floor.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Sorry. I forgot.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Thank you for the new floor. I hated my other floor.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Absolutely.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Even Martha's cats received the royal treatment.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): We didn't forget about Louie and Prada. Remember where your litter box was before?

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Yes. Yes.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Look at this. This is--they can crawl right in there.

AUDIENCE (GROUP): Aw.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): So Martha, I hope you and Louie and Prada are gonna be really happy in this house.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Thank you. Thank you so much 1,000 times, Nate.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You're so welcome.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Thank you from Louie. Thank you from Prada.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Well done.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Well done. Well done. Well done. In 250 square feet.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Fabulous.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): We'll talk to Martha and Nate when we come back. So if he can do that in 250 square feet, we're gonna tell you today what you can do with your small spaces. And later, what some call the skinniest house in America.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): I'm back with Nate Berkus who just tackled what he says was his most challenging makeover yet, a 250-square foot, itsy-bitsy, teeny-weeny apartment. This is what it looked like before. And this is what Nate did, did to transform it. And I could see that you were really excited about doing it for her.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I was.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I am. I...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I am. I am. I'm still actually excited about it because Martha really sort of helped me reprioritize some things for my own life.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Really?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah. I mean how much space do we all really need?

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): And I thought to myself, there was so much joy coming out of that, those four walls...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...that I really, it really motivated me to do the best I could do, literally the best I could do.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. Yeah. I knew, I know you operate from “The Secret” point of view too.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I do.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Even before we saw “The Secret,’ that's how we live our lives. But she just said, yeah, to our whole audience here that she was so happy and grateful for what she has.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Right.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): So she's living in that little space. You all heard her say, but there's nowhere else I'd rather live on earth.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I'd rather be.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): I'm so happy to have this. Yeah.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): And it's a perfect place. The location is perfect. It's what I need. I need four walls. I need a roof over my head. I need to feel safe and secure. And that's what I do. I don't need, I'd love to have a duplex penthouse with a wraparound terrace.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): But, maybe down the road. But that is a perfect place.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. And so I said, the fact that we get thousands and thousands of tapes, and for some reason the producer was drawn to yours, that's all about that law of attraction. Because you attracted Nate into your life.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Thank goodness. Oh, thank goodness.

NATE BERKUS, (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You're welcome. You're welcome.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

But I, you know, it's very, that's very true, Oprah, because literally, I come in and look at some of the tapes towards the end...

Yeah.

...as the producers narrow things down, and I was sure that this was the one that I wanted to do.

Really?

I knew as soon as I heard Martha on the tape, and something did definitely draw me to that space.

Well, last year Nate bought himself a small piece of the Big Apple, so we're gonna see what that is. I haven't seen--I never see the tapes before, 'cause I always wanna see it with the audience. So when they go, ooh, I can go, yeah, honey.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): So let's take a look. Yeah, honey.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): This is my new neighborhood, the West Village of Manhattan. And it makes me so happy just to be walking around the streets of this city. It makes me think of being a little kid with my dad and him saying, Nate, you've got to know where to get the best hotdog, the best slice of pizza, all of that stuff. So, dad, I finally got a place here. I love the sounds, the, the sights, the energy, and this neighborhood in the West Village is all of that. This is my new New York apartment. It's got so much natural light, and it has 10-foot ceilings. It's actually 550 square feet, but you know I can tackle a small space. I've got a great idea here that's gonna give me privacy, but it's also gonna make this space seemed much, much bigger than 550 square feet.

This is my kitchen. And you are not gonna recognize this when I'm done with it. So I just walked through the door to my bedroom, which is coming right off the kitchen. That doesn't feel very gracious to me, so that wall? I'm closing it up. This wall is coming down. Also, the fan, got to go. And this room is so small. So this is a tip for you at home. I'm going up with the furniture, and I'll show you what that means. Now, there's one room left, my tiny, little bathroom. Come with me. There are some specific things I'm changing in here, the pink tile. Not quite what I'm after, so that's going away. All right. Well, you've seen the tour. You know what it looks like before. I can't wait for you to see the transformation.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Nate says he knew instantly how to make his small home-away-from-home just right.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Welcome back to my tiny New York apartment. This place looks completely different. Major changes from what it was before.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): All right. Welcome to my living room. I made a decision to paint the entire house white, the floors, the walls, and the ceiling because I wanted the boundaries of this entire space just to go away. If you are living in a small space, you don't have to have small artwork, small photography or paintings. Look at this. These are huge-scaled things for a space this size, but it makes the space feel much larger. If you actually keep things very organized and clutter-free, you can have more furniture than you think you can in a small space.

Even the air conditioner, which was a huge eyesore, I've taken the focus off of that completely by positioning the desk and the chair in front of it. Think about the inside of a closet. It doesn't necessarily have to be just for storage. This is now my entertainment center/home office. Remember this over here? It was a wall, just a blank wall. And I basically tore it down, one of my favorite things to do. I made a huge opening, and added French doors that I designed because that would make this space seemed much larger. All the doors in the entire apartment are all painted this high-gloss blue-black. And that adds architectural interest to a space this small. This is my kitchen.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): The cabinets were in great shape. I just painted them the same color as the doors. And when I was in Greece last summer, I found, in a marine hardware store, these little latches and I brought those home and had those added. And that was a beautiful detail. For me, that changed the entire feeling of the apartment.

Nate installed all new appliances in the tiny kitchen and, to save space, a refrigerator in a drawer.

Bottled water, juice, yogurt, fruit, some wine, champagne, and one beer.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): I ripped apart this entire bathroom. The pink tile has been replaced with subway tile.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): If your floor is in good condition, you can tile right over the entire thing. The new marble that I put down went right down over the old tile. It'll save you a lot of money or time in labor. And all this stuff is new. New toilet. New sink. I made the mirror super tall in this room because that makes the space seem much, much bigger than it is. Next up, the bedroom. In a small space, you wanna keep the bedding as simple as possible, so it looks clean, calm and collected. I also closed the wall that used to go from the kitchen to the bedroom. This shelving unit almost goes all the way up to the ceiling, so that's great. Take advantage of the height in a room that's a tight space otherwise.

Nate replaced the ceiling fan with a vintage chandelier to give the room more character.

Well, thanks, everybody. I loved having you in my home, my 550 square foot apartment in New York City. And I hope that for those of you watching, you realize that even if you have a small space, you can still make it great, and most of all, make it really comfortable.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Beautiful job.

Thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Well done. And don't you just love walking down your street?

Oh, that's my favorite part.

This is the thing that I think is great. People go--I go to Paris shopping...

Mm-hmm.

...I'm looking for shoes and handbags and stuff. You're looking for latches.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): I love you saying, I came home with a lovely latch.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): It's so true.

I saw the best latch, honey.

And so I'm standing on a Greek island in a, in a hardware store, and the owner is standing--smoking behind the desk, like this.

Yeah.

And I'm going, I know you have those brass...

Lacquered.

Un-lacquered latches. Come on.

Yeah. I'm going, I know you have that shoe.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Okay. You can read a lot more about Nate's very own Manhattan makeover in "O, At Home" with Kate Walsh on the cover. We'll be right back. There's Natie-pie.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Next, get your pad and pencil ready for the latest, innovative small space inventions. And later, what some call the skinniest home in America.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. Thank you. We're not. We're back with--we're back with Nate Berkus talking about small spaces. Nate says that you can stretch your square footage and increase your storage capacity with the help of some new, innovative products, so you're gonna show us what you've found.

Yep. Absolutely. Okay. So this is, looks like a decorative mirror.

Yeah.

It's from IKEA, actually. It's, like, \$120, and it actually opens to, have storage for everything inside.

Oh, that's nice.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): So...

IKEA. Nice.

Right. You can hide all your ugly cosmetics. You know, everything goes away.

Yeah. I know. The other day, Colin Cowie was on, and he opened this, we saw...

I saw.

Yeah, but you live like that, too. I've been to your house.

That's not quite like Colin.

This is how you live. You live with all your little things lined up.

Oh, no. Well...

Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Well, not quite that perfection. Not quite that perfection.

Okay.

Okay, Oprah. This is actually--this is really amazing. It's a home office, and this is great for people who have a small space.

Uh-huh.

Careful of your fingers there, please.

Okay.

Okay.

Oh, that's going.

Yeah. And look.

Oh.

Well, this comes down. You don't have to move anything.

Oh, you don't have to move it.

And it turns into a bed.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): That is good.

And it's--sturdy.

That is good. Whose is this?

It's good, right?

Yes.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): It's Off the Wall Beds.

Awesome.

Off the Wall Beds, but I think that's such a great concept.

Hey, we're, we're in bed together.

We're in bed...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): We're like this.

Yes. Yes.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): We're in bed together. Okay. This is made by whom? Off...

This is Off the Wall Beds. And it's a great solution because it literally takes up no space.

That's cool. That's cool.

So, these, as well...

Yeah? What are those?

They're--they look like benches, which, you know...

Look like benches, and right now they are benches.

And they are, and now it's seating, and this one I love, as well.

Who makes this?

This is Akemi Tanaka. She's in New York.

Wow.

Wow.

Does she have a store, or does she just...

I think, I think it's online.

Online.

Yeah, Tanaka. Well, it'll be on our web site.

Okay, everything is on our web site.

Yeah, everything will be.

Because if you're trying to remember...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Exactly.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): IKEA, Off the Wall...

And this is great, too. This is also from IKEA.

Yeah.

For people who don't have a home office or space for a home office.

Yeah.

This opens to reveal everything you need.

Wow.

So this is all storage.

That's nice.

It is nice.

Yeah.

Keep your supplies in here.

Yeah.

And what would this cost you?

Two hundred dollars.

Two hundred dollars?

It's actually \$199.99, but I'm just gonna say...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Okay. Yeah. That's great.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Sliding doors are great option when you have a small space and you don't have room for clearance.

Yeah. Okay. We're moving.

We're moving.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): We're moving.

Come through here.

Come through here?

Yep.

Good. Good.

Okay. In our other room...

Yes.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...which we're in now.

Yeah.

We have this chair, which we found at JC Penney, and it looks just like a regular chair, but it actually has a drawer built in for storage.

Okay.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Got a little storage.

That's great for remotes and stuff like that.

Yeah.

It's like, great, great, great.

You can put a book in there, several books in there.

Yeah. Store a...

Store a secret.

How much?

This chair, \$299.

\$299?

Yep.

Okay.

This is a coffee table, and it actually opens up to be a desk.

Ah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): That was my favorite.

Yeah. Me, too.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): This one. Love these guys.

So, this has storage all inside.

Yeah.

So you can keep all your office supplies, everything right here.

Yeah.

And I think this is a fantastic product. I love--the design of this.

And who makes it? How much?

This is from Julia West.

Uh-huh.

And it's about \$1600.

\$1600.

I think it gives--it's a lot for the money.

It's a lot. Yeah.

I really do.

Yep.

So, and over here...

Yeah, does this now close or it just comes over or what...

No, this will...

...I'll be like, ha, ha, what?

Okay.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Okay. Good. Okay?

All right. This just looks like a chest of drawers.

Yeah.

This is from Ligne Roset, but...

What's it gonna do?

I'll show you, say, wait.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Now, you're onto something.

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

This actually slides open like this...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

...to reveal a desktop, or you could eat here if you had two chairs on both sides.

Yeah.

So I think this is a really beautiful design, as well.

Are these designed specifically for people with small spaces...

You know what? I think even people who have big space...

...who need more storage? Yeah.

...you know, they, something that does double duty is a great solution, so why not?

Absolutely.

I mean if you, you know, you may wanna be--if you're very comfortable in your family room, you might want a coffee table like this because you have everything at your fingertips.

It's right under the coffee table.

So, yeah.

Do these chairs do something?

They do.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): This is great for a small space in a small kitchen. All four chairs come out like this.

Yeah, and they curve around.

So this is a classic...

And they don't take a lot of...

Yeah. The whole family can eat here, and it all tucks away.

That's cool because it just wraps around the table.

Yep.

Yeah. Cool.

Okay. Over here.

Over here.

Pocket doors, another great idea.

Pocket doors.

I'll let you go through.

Oh.

A pocket door saves some angle.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Hello. I get to play Vanna today.

Okay. This is...

Isn't this what Vanna does, you know, the...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah. Exactly. I know. Right.

Okay. Good.

We're gonna have small storage with a noun and we'll figure it out.

Yes.

Now, this is great too. This is a coffee table, and it actually has two ottoman underneath it for extra seating.

Yeah.

And then, the ottoman also open up for storage.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): That's good.

Isn't that great?

That's good. You need that.

You need this.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): It's good for all your kids' stuff and all the stuff that you just...

Right.

Yeah, and it's fantastic.

...because you've run out of drawer space, that's fantastic.

And actually, this is light, so little fingers, it's not dangerous (unintelligible) at the chest.

Who makes it? Who makes it?

This is World Furniture Mall.

Okay.

Jofran cocktail table.

Okay.

But I think this is a great thing. This is really cute.

Yeah.

I could've done this in Martha's apartment, but I, I like the idea of building it in.

Well, this is cute.

This is a little vanity.

I was hoping it was a bar.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

Yeah.

You can make it into a bar.

Yeah. Yeah. This is cute.

Isn't this great?

Yeah.

So make-up goes here. And then, look at this. All of the storage is inside.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah. All your shampoos, all your lotions...

Everything. Everything.

...all your stuff.

So this--and this just disappears. So it's a little cabinet.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): That is cool. That is cool. Who makes this? What's it called?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): This is made by Conran, and it's called the Marie Galante Vanity.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Okay. Nice. Nice, nice.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): All right. Oh, these are great. These are folding chairs. I always think it's tough to find folding chairs that are comfortable.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yup.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): So these actually fold up, but they're upholstered, and they're from Ballard Designs, and they're \$200.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Nice for, nice for a dinner party, too.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Really nice...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yes.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...to bring them out like that.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You can put a little O or something else.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): No, not an O.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): All right. And then this, I think, is -- this I think is great.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Okay.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): This is a, obviously, a bookshelf. And this is fantastic not only for people who have small space, but wanna have people come over.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): What's it gonna do?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I'll show you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Okay. Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. Yeah. It's a bed.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): It's a bed.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): It's a bed. Wow.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): And it's actually...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): With a picture.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah. You can, you can hang something behind it. So I think this is a great product as well.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): That is, don't you like that, audience?

AUDIENCE (GROUP): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Excellent. Excellent job. So, I know you and our team went through thousands of new ideas and products.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Lots of ideas out there for people.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): And came up with these...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): ...because this is what we wanted to share with our audience.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): If you want more information on any of these products, log onto Oprah.com. And we'll be right back.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Coming up, the smallest home we've ever seen.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): At 96 square feet, and when Nate and I were just looking at that, we were saying, now we're talking crazy here. But at 96 square feet, Jay Shafer lives in the smallest house we've ever seen.

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): Hi. Welcome to my tiny house. Come on in.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Jay Shafer's itty-bitty home is an astounding 96 square feet.

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): Stepping in off the veranda into what I like to call the great room. I've got a lot of storage. In fact, this place has more storage per square foot than most houses would.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Jay's commute from home to the office is just inches away.

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): This is where I like to do a lot of my work. I spend most of my time here. A lot of people have asked how I entertain in a place so small. This little room, for example, entertains 4 comfortably. So let me show you the kitchen. Below the shelves, I've got my stove, which runs off the same propane tanks as the fireplace in the great room. I've got my water here above the sink, a very primitive but very effective method--gravity-fed plumbing. I collect the water up the hill in a spigot, and I do the same for the shower, speaking of which, this is the bathroom right over here. That is to say, the bathroom is the shower. Toilet, another simple thing, right now, I'm just using a composting toilet. Now let's go up to the loft. Well, this is the sleeping loft. It's really cozy. It's about 3 1/2 feet tall. This tiny house makes my life a lot easier except when it comes to making a bed.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): For Jay, living small is mostly about personal happiness.

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): Aside from not needing anything more than this, I really like the idea of putting what I do have into quality over quantity. Living small is really a luxury in the sense that I have a lot of time now that I didn't have before. I can focus now on the other things I wanna do in my life rather than just paying a mortgage and taking care of a house.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): How long have you lived there?

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): Well, I've been living in this house for about 6 months now, but 7 years now, including the house that was the same size before this one.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Really? And you say living like this allows you to follow your bliss. How so?

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): Yeah. Well, I just don't pay any mortgage, so I have a lot of time on my hands in which I do the things I love to do.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Really? It's also some of what you were saying. Actually, it's very charming. I mean, really.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah, it's beautiful.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): We were joking about it but really very charming.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Beautiful.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): And you live well.

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): Thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yes.

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): I do. I really appreciate it.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yes. And you were saying that when you were looking at Martha's space and as we look at all these spaces, it causes you to look at your own life and think...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Absolutely.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): ...what do you really need?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah, absolutely.

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): Yeah. I feel like as long as I know what makes me happy and know what doesn't, I can get rid of all that other stuff, and it makes room for a really comfortable life.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): That's exciting. Exciting. Thank you very much for sharing that with us.

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): Thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Thank you.

JAY SHAFER (FOUNDER, TUMBLEWEED TINY HOUSE COMPANY): Thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Really. How much do we really need?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): We'll be right back. Next, one of the skinniest homes in America.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Ripley's Believe it or Not calls our next small space the narrowest house in America. Let's look at this one.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Jack and his son call the skinniest house in Alexandria, Virginia home.

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): As you can see, this house is less than 7 feet wide. This was originally an alley, and in this alley was walking traffic and also carriage traffic. And if you look closely on the walls, you can see the indentations where the wagon wheels would brush up against the wall. The original owner on the left who owned this piece of property decided to stop this traffic by building a house in this alley. It was quite a challenge to develop a workable kitchen in this tiny space.

JAKE SAMMIS (JACK SAMMIS' SON): And actually, this isn't that small of a kitchen. Down here, we have our freezer and fridge. Here is a four-burner stove. Here is our oven. And up here is, like, our gianormous cabinets.

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): And if that's not enough space, we have additional space under the bench seat here and the new cabinets we added in the corner.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Every inch of this 350-square-foot house is in use, even the hallway upstairs.

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): We decided to build these cabinets. This allowed us to keep the full-size bathroom and also the full-size bedroom.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): And the main reason Jack bought this one-bedroom home?

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): Actually, this garden is the reason I bought the house. It allows me to have more than one or two guests over at a time, and it really makes the house livable.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Living well. Beautiful. So, what size bed can you fit in that house? It looked like a big bed. How'd you even get it up there?

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): With difficulty. It's a queen-size, but, as you see, we had to put it in sideways, and the box spring is actually two twins. So we got - it was the only way we could get it upstairs.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Really? But what were you saying? It's charming.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): It's beautiful. I mean, it's historical, it has so much soul, and I think it's really beautifully done. Again, I mean, I think it just reinforces the point. How much space do you really need?

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I mean these people are living really beautifully...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...in not a lot of space.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Living well.

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): Or I think – Yeah. Good things happen in small spaces and...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Thank you, Jack. We'll be right back. Next, how an artist brought the great outdoors into her little space. A little wild.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Today, we're really celebrating small spaces. Artist Jane Mount says that living in a small space inspired her to create the apartment of her dreams.

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): The overall theme for the whole apartment was trying to bring the outdoors in to create a nice, natural-feeling, safe haven for us from the concrete jungle outside. We framed those windows with these built-in bookshelves that allow for a lot of storage but also really let the light come in and keep that sense of openness. What we also did was give each room its own feeling so that the apartment feels even bigger because it gives you a sense of different spaces. For instance, our living room is very cool and relaxing, but when you step into the dining room, the colors are warm and vibrant, perfect for dinner parties.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): And a work space for Jane, who is an artist.

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): So, this is our home office area.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Here, this multi-purpose credenza divides the dining room from her office.

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): And on top, we can have drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and any buffet if people come over. And now I'll show you where our wilderness theme really comes to life. As you come into the bathroom, our shower curtain has lots of animals and flowers. We used real river rocks laid into tile so that you get a spa feel on your feet when you walk through. It's very important to make small bathrooms feel very luxurious.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Jane says she couldn't find an affordable vanity that she loved, so...

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): We just bought an inexpensive wooden table, painted it glossy black, and cut a hole in it for the plumbing. Now, if you follow me to the kitchen...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): She installed glass for a backsplash over a thicket of trees made of wallpaper.

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): One of the coolest things we did, which anyone can do, is you get cabinets that are white, and then you paint them with chalkboard paint. Then you can write on them grocery lists or menus. There used to be a normal solid wall about here. We took that out and replaced it with just a thin piece of frosted glass.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): The thin wall enlarged the kitchen and allows natural light to flow through the space.

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): And keep that great openness.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): And inches away from the kitchen is the bedroom.

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): I painted this portrait of a bear on an old hollow-cored door in order to give the feeling of almost as if you are--in a lodge but without having any animals having to be killed.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): To save space, lamps are hung from the ceiling on each side of the bed, and check out these camouflaged closets.

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): And voila. This is a photograph we actually took of a beautiful scene we saw, and we had a company make it into custom wallpaper for us. We used it to cover some inexpensive cabinets, and now it's our closet.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): How clever is that?

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): So, as you can see, it's definitely possible to express yourself and live very comfortably in a small space.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Good job. And I understand that you're also on a tight budget.

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Yeah, we were, and we used IKEA. All the cabinets in the kitchen and the one that's covered with the wallpaper are from IKEAs. They're really inexpensive. We just figured out ways to make them our own and really express ourselves still using things like that.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. I love the idea of everybody we've seen for everybody's houses is that they allow their houses to be an expression of who—of them themselves.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Absolutely.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah, 'cause what is supposed to be.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I think that's so great, absolutely.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): And tell the story of who you are in your home.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): You know, let people get to know you that way, too.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Well, thank you so much, Jane. We'll be right back.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Good job. Coming up, a family of three living in a space under 300 square feet. The ingenious ways they make it work when we come back.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. You were saying because you're raised in a small space, does it make you more adjustable to small spaces?

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): Yeah, and--yeah and I just think you have to communicate. I think it's good for families to grow up in small spaces, and they may be missing other things, but you have to have dinner...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah, yeah. Yeah. I know families have sized down because of--houses were too large. You know, it's a great blessing.

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): Yeah. And it promotes communication and...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): With the families.

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): Yeah, so small space are a good things.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. 'Cause you can hear everybody.

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): I met my fiancée on an elevator. That's a small space. Good things happen in...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Small space, good things happen in small spaces.

JACK SAMMIS (OWNER OF THE NARROWEST HOUSE): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): How does a family of three live in 265 square feet? Well, that I would like to know. Well, here's how the Gillingham-Ryan family does it.

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): Welcome to our home. Come on in. I'm Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan, and this is my wife Sara Kate, and this is our little baby Ursula.

SARA KATE GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH HUSBAND & BABY): Hi, Oprah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): To maximize their tight quarters, Maxwell and Sara Kate live by smart design strategies.

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): I paint the walls white to brighten it up and make it bigger. One of my favorite tricks, which I do all the time, is taking the doors off of closets. It allows us to light the closet from within. When they're pulled, you get this beautiful ambient light shining back into the room. You can't do that with doors. And another thing I've done is taken off all of the doors to the bathroom and the bedroom and replaced them with these sliding doors that I designed myself. They're made out of inch-thick white wool felt.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): When space is sparse, spare no expense on the things you love.

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): We cook a lot at home. We invested in having a really nice cook top and a really nice stove down here. So, this is our bedroom. It's half of our 265 square feet, and we've turned it also into the nursery. Everything we have lives in a very specific zone. We have Ursula's changing table and all of her belongings over here, and over here is her bed where she sleeps at night.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Their platform bed is surrounded by custom-made compartments, lit from within.

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): All of Sara's clothes, all her folding clothes, are in these storage cabinets on the left side of the bed. All of mine are on the right side of the bed.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Too close for comfort doesn't apply here.

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): We live 365 days a year in 265 square feet. It's not only doable, but for us, it's a lot of fun.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Wow. So, I would think you have to be very organized with three people, correct?

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): You do. Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. And everything has to have its own place, yeah, right keep it there.

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): Yeah. And anything that comes through the door, you have to make a decision right away. Do I love it, or can I lose it?

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Really? Yeah. Is that your 10 percent rule?

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): That's right. Yeah. You don't wanna organize your space so you fit everything in. You wanna organize your space so you fit in 90 percent of everything--your space and have 10 percent open. If you have openness, the world will bring more to you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): There you are.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Thank you. That's great. So, okay. So what do you do if you have an argument or a disagreement, you know? You know, you don't even have to argue, just that, you know, I'm not feeling you right now.

SARA KATE GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH HUSBAND & BABY): Well, like you were saying before, it's a great place to be in a family because you do become closer. We do have to communicate in better ways, but another great tip is that we live in our beloved West Village, and it's a great neighborhood. Our apartment is on the first floor of our building. We get outside all the time, so, you know, I sometimes just go to the living room next door at the cafe if I need a little space.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Really?

SARA KATE GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH HUSBAND & BABY): Yeah. There's lots of space.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): But I love that line. Have you always lived that way--you have to have space, leave room for openness?

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): I have. Yeah. Yeah. It's a--and I didn't choose to live in a small space to begin with. I—

we want--we've looked at other apartments. We've looked to move, but honestly, we've never found a place that we loved as much as our little home.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): And, you know, the community makes a huge difference.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah.

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): We could live all the way out in deepest Brooklyn, have a lot of space, but we wouldn't have the vibrant community and the friends we have on the block.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): That's exactly what Martha said.

MAXWELL GILLINGHAM-RYAN (LIVES IN 265 SQ FT HOME WITH WIFE AND BABY): Yeah. It's true.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Wonderful. So, that's why you all are enjoying all this good energy to you, 'cause the way you feel about where you are right now. We'll be right back.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Special thanks to all of our friends at Lowe's because they have locations nationwide and lots of people there to help you create the space that you want and deserve, and also thanks to GE. What was the name of that oven?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Advantium oven.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Advantium.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): I'll never forget it. Advantium oven. Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Advantium oven. That's a cool thing.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): That's really cool.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): To GE for adding the appliances to Martha's kitchen. Martha thank you, too.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Also, there is--you had some help here from Ballard Design.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Ballard Designs, Wisteria, Michael Tavano...

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Wisteria, Michael Tavano.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): ...amazing, and my team. This time, they're working in 250 square feet. Nate Nelson (ph), Lisa Miner (ph), Lisa Moran (ph), Julie Simpson (ph), everybody who worked on the show with me did a great job, and the stress factor.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Really?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Oh, yeah. We're all gonna go to see someone.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): We're gonna go, we're gonna go all go have a talk. No. It was, I mean, it was, you know, very, very grueling and intense.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): 'Cause you did it in what amount of time?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Well, it took about two weeks to do it, but the buildings in New York are difficult to work with. You can--you have to be out by 4:00 PM. So normally, we work around the clock. We couldn't do that in New York City. So...

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): 'Cause I own a co-op.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah, 'cause you own a co-op...

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): ...and then the co-op has to say you can or can't do whatever.

MARTHA (LIVES IN A 250 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Right.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Wow.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Okay. No wonder.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Well, there isn't any room to get away from each other, you know?

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yes. In 250 square feet?

JANE MOUNT (LIVES IN A 545 SQUARE FOOT HOME): Well, they're trying to bring the refrigerator in, and I'm like, what's going on? And--oh, yeah--it was crazy, just crazy.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah. But I thought this whole, this whole show has been inspiring for, I think, for myself and for a lot of other people, 'cause it helps you ask the question, how much do you really need?

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Yeah. That's what I took away from it. I really did.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Yeah, yeah. Yeah. You can check out the next issue of O at Home. There's Nate's new apartment in there, and there's a beautiful apartment that home that Victoria Raul did.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Beautiful.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): It's beautiful. This is great. The issue is called Yes, You Can. Yes, you can do it yourself and get exactly what you want in your home. So thank you.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Thank you.

OPRAH WINFREY (HOST): Great job.

NATE BERKUS (INTERIOR DECORATOR): Thank you.