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## Caroline's Elegant Simplicity

SMALL COOL CONTEST

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**Name:** Caroline

**Location:** New York, NY

**Square Feet:** 443

**Division:** Tiny

### What I Love About My Small Home

My little studio apartment feels like sun splashed sanctuary, calm and cozy. I love how open and bright the space seems despite its mere 443 sq. ft. There is a simplicity to the space, an elegance that I believe comes from surmounting traditional obstacles associated with small space living like clutter or clarity around where to put a piece of furniture. Design duo Fawn Galli and Julio Salcedo helped me realize my small space by opening it up, lightening and masterfully maximizing every inch.

Their advising the wider kitchen archway and the switch of my sleeping and desk areas was especially transformational for me and the space.

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Biggest Challenge of Living in a Small Space

In a small space every inch counts, so it forces you to become a disciplined person and a decision maker. And that's a benefit that transcends any size space — small or big! Sustaining a sense of order and simplicity within the confines of the square footage. There are so many times that I've said to myself, "Okay, you are living on a boat which means you have to streamline this studio so it can set sail. Otherwise you will sink in this small space." So, there is an ongoing challenge to create a sense of order and organization, lightness and freedom. These challenges are really an opportunity to simplify. And ultimately, I always feel victorious when I let go of anything that is weighing the space down, whether it is an old pillow or a book. De-clutter incentives? Donate items to local thrift stores like Housing Works so someone else can enjoy them!

