

### Chapter 1 : Make Use of Dead Space Under the Stairs

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Staircases are such things that could be as eye-catching as practical. They can connect several floors of your home and provide some book or other small things storage. In case you have a difficult layout situation you might find some interesting staircase design ideas here. Simple cubbies could become your stairs. A parrot staircase could be much narrower than a normal one. Staircase is a great place to organize additional book storage. Here is an example of how cute under-stairs drawer system could be. Really compact and good looking staircase that looks like a piece of fine art furniture. Small pieces of carpet would make such stairs more safe. Storage under stairs is quite common for small spaces. Compact yet good looking design. A red steel staircase would become a focal point of any space. This storage staircase features an amazing amount of drawers and even a built-in wardrobe. The twist of the staircase could provide some space where you could install a seating set. Dark steps is always a practical design to hide the dirt. Always be smart about under stairs storage. There are so many ways to make it as practical as good looking. A compact ladder and a trapdoor designed in minimalist style provide access to the attic. This very thin staircase combined is part of the house designed by architects Annie Han and Daniel Mihalyo. Levitate Architects used a staircase to a loft-like bedroom to create an enormous amount of book storage space. Mini Plus by Mister Step is a particularly compact open staircase, created to employ a flight solution even when there is insufficient space for a normal open staircase. The special profiled stairs reduce bulk to a minimum without sacrificing comfort. This staircase is another example of how staircase could be combined with book storage. This time it looks almost like bookcase although it will give your access to the upper floor. This curved spiral staircase is great example of how minimalist they could be. This loft stair is made by Lapeyre Stair. It is very cost-effective and occupies very little space. You can come down without holding the rail. This spiral staircase from Eestairs is a very clever space saving solution. It fits in just one square meter. The secret is that you step at the bottom under the pole, and at the top you step above the same pole. It is made of mild steel, powder coated in any RAL color. This staircase is stylish and sleek. It shows how such must have thing as staircase could also give some storage space. This disappearing, retractable staircase is a truly space saving solution. They are still a concept designed by Aaron Tang.

### Chapter 2 : Transition Spaces: Foyers, hallways and stairs, oh my! |

*Spaces Like Stairs [Gail Scott MA] on blog.quintoapp.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. Scott writes of women, community and writing, tracing the effect of fiction upon theory, and theoretical thinking upon fictional text.*

In fact, some of the underutilized spaces in your home can actually become the most useful. By thinking outside of the box, you can turn what seems like wasted space and dusty corners into your favorite places in your home. Here are some ideas to help you look at every nook and cranny a little differently. Use stair space as a play area. The space under the stairs can make an ideal mini-library. Installing simple shelves means your favorite books stay dry, organized and easily accessible. Turn a messy mudroom into a homework space. It can become a dumping ground for backpacks, coats and shoes, so put it to work: If your kids tend to dump their backpacks there anyway, a small desk with supplied and dedicated study space makes sense. Keep blankets and sheets at the foot of each bed. This underutilized space is ideal for solving storage problems, especially if your home is short on closet space. A hinged ottoman becomes the perfect place to put on shoes and can help stash away blankets, sheets, clothes and any other quick-access items. Rethink the space at the foot of your bed as functional square footage and it becomes more than just a place for your socks. Double up by using your guest room as an office. Be a little selfish and use the room for yourself the rest of the time. Think beyond linens for functional storage. ClosetMaid The Linen Closet Most people would say the linen closet is one of the most underrated spaces in a home. Look up for great storage space. The space over each door in your home is a treasure trove for storage and decor. Simple, straight shelving is easy to install and remove and can add plenty of character to an otherwise stark hallway. Think of your garage as a multifunction space. Garage Solutions The Garage Bikes, trikes and tools: But it can also be valuable space for other interests. With the right storage solutions, you can get larger items off the ground, opening up precious square footage. Store bins up in your garage trusses to get rarely used items out of the way. Then, use wall hooks to keep bikes and gear organized. Sure, there are other spaces in your home that are more photogenic and fun. But underutilized spaces can be some of the most functional places in your house. By thinking beyond the usual, you can create storage, work and living spaces that make sense for you and your lifestyle.

### Chapter 3 : Modern Storage Ideas for Small Spaces, Staircase Design with Storage

*excerpted from SPACES LIKE STAIRS, by Gail Scott French writer Philippe Sollers: Je dirai que la reine Victoria, en chemin de fer, en train de lire un roman du XIXe siècle, c'est l'image parfaite du point zéro où on peut en arriver la littérature.*

Although the material arising from the current wave of feminist consciousness very quickly starts hammering away at the boundaries of form, the assumption among most Anglo-American feminists until recently has been that language, syntax, genre are not important enough issues to merit serious debate. Maybe the call does not suit our English-Canadian needs. We have to find our own solutions--and debunk our own myths. But perhaps the feminine does stand as a dimmer shadow in our English-Protestant heritage. And what does all this have to do with the writing of prose? I see the leaves rushing along an autumnal St. Our talk is very "modern," too: A fire crackles in the fireplace. Around us are couples, children, artists. Perhaps I notice especially the women with their bright colours, their well-groomed hair, because in our heads ring the voices, the words of other women writers. All of them confirm what we already feel--that to express the shape of our desire, our prose must lean towards poetry wise old Virginia had predicted this decades ago, and poetry can no longer look "like a poem" on the page. They also confirm our doubts about sentences and the relationships of verb to subject. This text, for example. One of the things we have learned in our quest is that, having for so long existed as the fiction of patriarchy, writing our own stories now is often, at least in part, a biographical process. Nor for more contemporary writers like Margaret Laurence. But we are not only women living at the end of the twentieth century, but also women who--thanks to the struggles of the last twenty years--are hearing ourselves better, more profoundly than ever before. Unfortunately, before being able to publish the new work expressing this subject-in-process, these new sounds, we have to shout down the precedents. I find it fascinating that two of the most "modern" American pre-war women writers, Gertrude Stein and Djuna Barnes, wrote out of Paris. What would have happened to their writing in Milwaukee or even in New York? Indeed, for a contemporary English-language woman writer, dealing with English literature is like dealing with English law. The precedents come back to haunt you. The critics remind you that the English novel in its present form was to a great extent shaped by the writing of women. No use looking to the left for support either. Because if you fool around with the meat and potatoes of syntax and form, you render the work inaccessible to "ordinary people"--the bulk of whom think, we are led to believe, like white, middle-class males. The same group who brought us television and the newspapers. Still, the process of knocking the written word into some new shape better suited to our use goes on, it seems, with increasing insistence. A community is being formed, cutting across cultures and resistances. But it also led me to a new vision of my own culture inasmuch as I could study that culture reflected in the eyes of the cultural and colonized other. This distanced and lucid bead on patriarchal culture is in fact eventually shared by any group of women working together as a community of writers. For regardless of the language we speak, the culture we live in, we always have the double sense of both belonging and being excluded. Standing on the outside--the better, perhaps, to create. There is, there, a period of anesthesia. Gail Scott is the author of *Heroine and Spare Parts*. She co-founded the magazines *Tessera* a bi-lingual journal of feminist criticism and new writing and *Spirale*.

### Chapter 4 : Spaces Like Stairs

*A super vertical staircase, like this one, frees up space around the stairs but feels more sturdy than a completely vertical ladder. Inspiration from a home designed by Welch Forsman Associates. Stairs designed by Ingrained Wood Studios: The Mill.*

Foyers, hallways and stairs, oh my! Today we celebrate the hard working foyers, stairs and hallways! Our foyer and hallway was not that neutral when we bought this as-is house project! Fixing the Hardworking Foyer It starts with a foyer. Regardless of size, it has a job to do. A good foyer helps you hold it all together and sets the tone for the rest of the house. This foyer is a tiny space, with stairs going up to the main level, or down to the basement. Foyers in split levels seem like afterthoughts. I think back to when I first stepped inside my as-is project house. Floral wallpaper, worn out railings, chipped paint on the stairs, some strange stick on mirror tiles that were falling off, and an outdated light fixture. The goal was simply to neutralize. We removed the wallpaper, stained the stair treads and painted the stair risers, removed the mirror tiles and replaced the light fixture. We also replaced the dangerous out-of-code railing with a sturdy half-wall. In the small foyer itself, a small half-moon table holds the mail bin and a place for umbrellas and dog accessories. The leashes and collars for the three dogs hang on the wall. A large Matisse print addressed the scale of the tall wall. The green lantern automatically turns on in the evening so we can make our way to the laundry room without tripping. And a shout out to Ferrer Electric who in addition to upping our amps to and replace almost everything electrical in this house also installed all new light fixtures. I had many heroes during this project " he was one of them! Painting the Stairs This project reminded me of when I ripped carpet off the stairs a few houses ago, and painted the treads and risers read about that here. A simple change makes it much cleaner look! And dog approved! The Hallway Once upstairs, there is a long hallway that goes to two bedrooms and a hall bath. In addition to mall wallpaper down the hall, there was also a very awkward hand-painted wall at the beginning of the hall. We took that down to better open up the flow of the house. There was another artistic surprise underneath the wallpaper in the hall " full size murals hand-painted on all the walls. A shout out to Tom Saint and his awesome crew for the many coats of primer and paint to get back to neutral! These guys worked non stop to get me and my girls into this house in just 6 weeks! There is a nook at the end of the hall that was perfect for a tall storage unit for towels, etc. As for the giraffe, he makes me smile. Join our email list!

### Chapter 5 : 25 Under Stairs Wine Cellars And Wine Storage Spaces - DigsDigs

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When space is limited, a cleverly designed staircase can also serve as a handy storage solution. In fact, at first glance, you may not even realize a staircase is present. When not in use, some staircases can even conveniently disappear. Minimalist space-saver staircases have light and airy designs that help provide a feeling of spaciousness in small or cramped spaces.

**Bookcase and Cabinet Stairs** One of the most convenient space-saving solutions for connecting lower and upper levels is a staircase-bookcase combination unit. This idea works particularly well for built-in bookshelves. The stairs actually form the top of the bookcase, which covers the entire wall underneath the stairs. A mini staircase can also be formed by custom-built storage cabinets that range in height from small to medium to large. Also be sure to check with a local building inspector or code compliance office to make sure your staircase design is compliant with local building codes.

**Floating Stairs** If you like the look of floating shelves, you may opt for an installation of floating stairs. The stairs are attached to the wall on only one side, making them look as if they are literally floating in space. Small treads in a corner installation will take up very little space but must be a minimum width of 36 inches. In California, the maximum height is 8 inches. Floating stairs are typically made from wood, glass or stone but can also be made from other materials such as metal. Although the stairs may look more amazing without a handrail, in many cases, this is not legal. Steel cables and glass or acrylic panels may be acceptable alternatives; however, as with any stair design, check with your local building inspector first. These stairs may not be safe for children and might be questionable for pets such as dogs.

**Spiral Stairs** Spiral stairs have always been a good design option for small spaces. However, new, cutting-edge designs for spiral staircases have resulted in designs that take up as little as one square meter, or about 3. The columns must be made of steel or stainless steel to meet structural requirements; however, the steps can be made of a variety of materials such as wood, metal, glass and stone. Spiral staircases can be found in do-it-yourself kits which comply with the International Residential Building Code, but you should always check your local code requirements as well.

**Modular Staircases, Loft Ladders and Retractable Stairs** Modular staircases can be configured as spiral stairs as well as straight and turned designs. These types of stairs are commonly used for lofts, attics and mezzanines. Modular stairs can be purchased in kits that include the treads, handrails, balusters and all the hardware needed for installation. These flexible stairs can be configured in numerous ways, providing a plethora of design options. Loft and attic ladders can be installed on walls or can be designed as folding or sliding ladder-like stairs that disappear when not in use. This concept is being explored further by architects like Aaron Tang, an industrial designer in Boston who is working on a space saving, retractable staircase designs for practical, everyday use. Although code requirements for secondary stairs accessing lofts are often less stringent, local codes vary from one location to the next; therefore, always check with your local building code office before installing loft stairs or ladders yourself.

### Chapter 6 : Underutilized Spaces: Getting the Most Out of Your Home

*I saw something like this in a tailoring workshop, where because of the tight space the owner mounted drawers under the access stairs where they kept both fabrics and threads. They had everything organized vertically with distinct drawers for different types of fabric as well for the various types of threads.*

December 17, When you live in a small space, the last thing you want to have taking up precious square footage is a big bulky staircase. But you still need to get up to the other levels in your home, so how? There are a few ways you can add a staircase to your small home that take up little space but make the place fully functional. Here are 13 examples of staircase design ideas for small spaces. This creates more space in the apartment but still makes getting up to the sleeping area easy. See more photos of this hotel, here. Zoku designed by concrete. The staircase leading to the loft bed in this apartment also doubles as clothing storage, taking care of two problems with one staircase. See more photos of this apartment, here. Designed by Jordan Parnass Architecture. Photography by Frank Oudeman and Sean Karns. A super vertical staircase, like this one, frees up space around the stairs but feels more sturdy than a completely vertical ladder. Stairs designed by Ingrained Wood Studios: Photography by Alyssa Lee Photography. These floating stairs maintain the flow of the apartment and keep it feeling open by letting light pass through the openings in the staircase. Designed by Haptic Architects. A minimal black staircase like this one adds a modern feel to the space and has lots of places to hold onto for extra safety. Photography by Giovanna Silva. The treads on these stairs alternate heights and are quite vertical, making them easy to climb and preventing them from taking up too much space. Photography by Christopher Duff. The stairs along the side wall of this apartment are thin enough that they hardly take up any space, but the space that they do take up is made more functional with the inclusion of storage spaces. This spiral staircase fits perfectly into a small corner and curves up to the second floor while hardly taking up any space. Space Saving stairs from Interbau. The thin spiral staircase leading up to the bedroom of this house compliments the other black elements in the home and takes up very little space.

### Chapter 7 : 27 Really Cool Space Saving Staircase Designs - DigsDigs

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*Under stairs space shouldn't be left unused, it's not a dead space! We've already offered you some ideas on powder rooms, laundry rooms and workspaces under the stairs and today I'd like to show one more way to go - a wine cellar!*

### Chapter 9 : 26 Creative And Space-Efficient Attic Ladders - Shelterness

*The Space Under the Stairs The space under the stairs is typically ignored or drywalled. But, with the right repurposing, it's valuable square footage.*