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ONE SPACE

WALL HANGINGS

Hooks on the wall and loops of cable under the seats keep extra Eames chairs out of the way yet within reach. The single orange chair adds a playful note to the brown array.

FLAT OUT

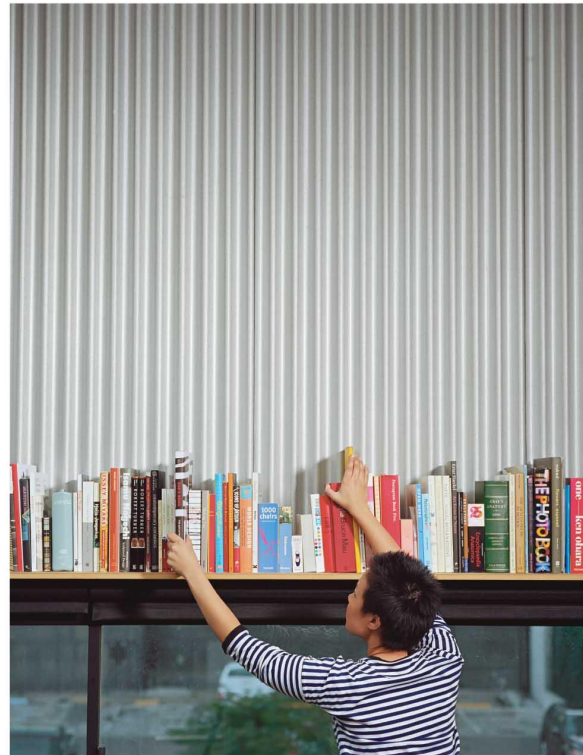
To keep the kitchen as flat as possible—and conserve precious air space over the narrow countertops—Schafer designed an innovative shelving system of MDF planks that sit on an aluminum angle lip and are tied back to the wall with cables. To help your shelves better resist moisture and stains, wax them with Trewax—or, better yet, make them out of solid wood. trewax.com

MINI MAKEOVER

"Micro living needs a bit of discipline," Schafer says. In this kitchen, all appliances, from the toaster to the microwave, are stashed in the upper or lower shelves, saving counter space for food preparation. A smaller fridge and teensy Tappan stove are perfectly adequate if you "get a little smarter with your yogurt layout," he counsels.

VERTICAL REALITY

In a compact living space, sometimes the only way to go is up, as architects David and Im Schafer elegantly demonstrate in this 15.5-by-20-foot studio apartment. The key to keeping yourself sane in this arrangement? Buy a good ladder that's attractive enough to keep out all the time. The Schafers used a 30-inch welded shop stool by Lyon. lyonworkspace.com



EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

"In order to really rock a tiny space, you need to consider each move you make and sometimes calculate, catalog, and regulate seemingly mundane things," Schafer says. He sized his shelves to accommodate specific kitchen gear: narrowest at the bottom for spice jars, utensils, and juice glasses and widest at the top for plates and cookware. The most frequently used objects are all within arm's reach.

