

Repurposing Underused Rooms

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When you first move into a home, it is so easy to accept each room as it was initially intended. Unfortunately, there are so many reasons the original floor plan doesn't work for you. Maybe it's an older house and your needs and wants don't match those of the owners in past decades. Maybe it's a smaller house and the size ratios in some spots don't seem useful to you. Maybe the house just has a poorly thought-out floor plan, and you simply don't use some rooms because you don't like them.

Whatever the cause may be, it is a little disheartening to regularly walk by a room in your home that never gets used. So we came up with some ideas for what to do with those areas in your house to make the most of them, and make your house a better place for you:

Get the Most Out of a Great Room

Do you have a huge, well-decorated space on your main floor, but only use a small portion of it? We think you should use it to its fullest potential. Arrange the space so you are able to have an enjoyable living room and dining table alongside your kitchen that you can happily use on a regular basis. Then, you will be able to repurpose the other rooms (formal dining room, family room, or bonus room, for example) into something else. They can become designated kid's areas or hobby rooms. Or, if you move your entertainment area to the main floor, you can go the extra mile and convert your basement to a secondary suite.



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Small Bedroom into Big Bathroom

If you have bigger dreams for your small, impractical bedroom, why not convert it into a beautiful bathroom. The bathroom gets used every day, so you and your family deserve one that is comfortable and inviting. Many homes, old and new, come with bathrooms that feel like an afterthought on the developer's side. If you want something a little extra, create something awesome out of the bedroom you don't even like.

Small Bedroom into Walk-In-Closet

If you find yourself with a bedroom near the master that feels cramped and uncomfortable, maybe the bedroom is destined for a different use. One idea is the knock down the wall between the two rooms, add some custom shelves, drawers, and racks, and you have yourself a new and wonderful walk-in-closet.



Formal Dining Room into:

- Pool room
- Gallery
- Music room
- Library
- Poker room
- Meditation space
- Kids play room
- Wine room
- Home gym
- Office
- Game room

What was once a standard request in homes, has become fairly obsolete. Many people either don't care for a formal dining room, or love them but rarely use them. Instead of having a room that collects dust most days of the year, convert the space into something you will actually use and enjoy.

Breakfast Nook into Computer Area

As nice as it is to have a quaint little breakfast nook, do you actually eat at it? Some people use that area as an unofficial "business" space; They pile their bills there, store their laptops, have a calendar... We recommend you keep doing that, but swap the table for a desk and add some custom floating shelves to make it an organized office area instead of a place to pile papers.

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Double Up on Functional Spaces

You know what takes up space? All those little rooms that are necessary, but not living spaces. Think laundry rooms, mudrooms, pantries, utility rooms, and storage spaces. With a keen eye, and some strategic planning, let's work on a floor plan that combines rooms like this to optimize space.



Garage into a Hangout Space

Man-Cave, She-Sheds, or Kids Corners... Whatever you call it, or whatever you want it to be, the garage is a goldmine of underutilized space. Sure, some people store their vehicles in there, and that's fair. But some people don't, for one reason or another. The garage turns into a messy storage room that causes nothing but headaches every time someone needs to go inside. We think it's time to clean it out, organize it (it's difficult work, but you'll feel great after) and convert your underused garage into a place you like to escape to.

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