

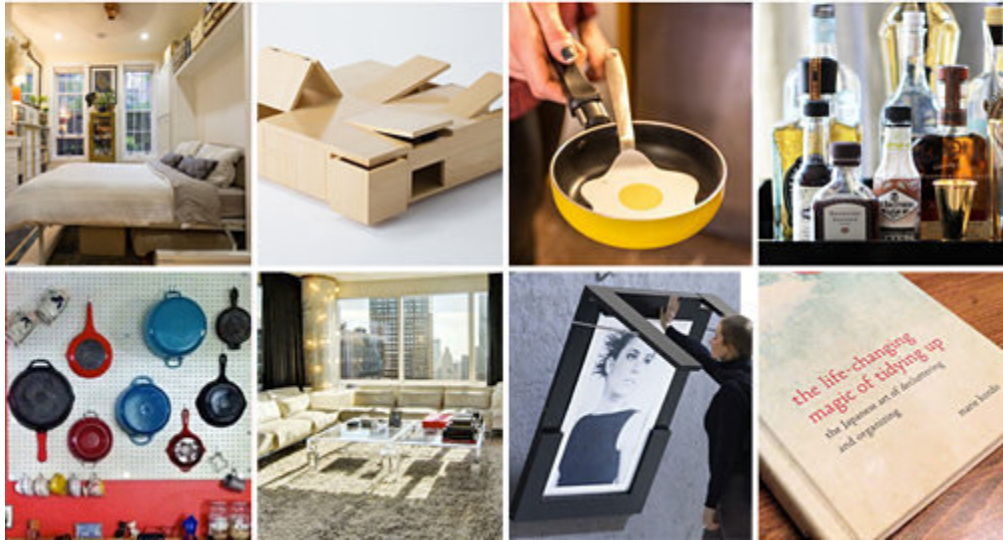


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# The Ultimate Guide to Living In A New York Microdwelling

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## the **microdwelling** starter kit



What does it take to be able to live in a minuscule apartment? A [penchant for throwing things away](#) helps, as do friends with carpentry skills and a healthy dose of patience. Friendless and lacking diligence? Never fear. There are plenty of **small space hacks** that money can buy to make your adorable 100-square-foot ~~house~~ box in Cobble Hill a home. Come, learn **the secrets to living in a microdwelling**.

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| Marie Kondo's book  | A Murphy bed that doubles as a couch  | Weird minimalist furniture from Japan   | A toilet-sink  | Wall of mirrors to give the illusion of more space                                    | Clever built-in storage, preferably under stairs                                      |
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| Tiny wall plants  | A kitchen pegboard  | Lucite furniture, like P. Diddy   | One bonkers statement piece  | A cool rug  | Over-the-sink cutting board   |
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| Curtains as fake walls  | Convection microwave  | A tiny frying pan   | A table that doubles as a giant picture frame  | Well-stocked bar  | Nearby park   |

And now in more detail:

1. Marie Kondo's book [The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up](#). This is the bible for microdwellers.
2. A [Murphy bed](#) that folds up to reveal a couch. Or a [bed with storage](#) under it. Or a [lofted bed](#). Really, just don't have a regular bed.
3. This [crazy minimalist furniture](#) from Japan. It does so many things!
4. A [toilet-sink](#), of course.. It saves space, and is probably eco-friendly.
5. A Wall of Mirrors to maximize the look of space, although [don't do it like this](#).
6. Clever storage, like [under the stairs](#), and built ins in random-ass places like [here](#).
7. Nature, in the form of tiny plants that hang on the walls.
8. A kitchen pegboard, to hang pots and utensils.
9. At least one piece of [lucite furniture](#), or many pieces, like [P. Diddy](#).
10. At least one piece of totally [bonkers custom furniture](#). This "table" may cost **\$7,000**, but it will entertain you for hours.
11. A cool rug to cover your **10' by 10' square of floor**.
12. [Over-the-sink cutting board](#) to enlarge your 7 inches of counter space.
13. Curtains as fake walls, to give the illusion of privacy.
14. A convection microwave, so you can zap Hot Pockets *and* bake cookies.
15. A tiny frying pan to use on your tiny hot plate.
16. This [table that folds up](#) to become a giant picture frame.
17. A well-stocked bar. When the claustrophobia sets in, **you'll want a drink**.
18. A nearby park, so you can remember what **wide open spaces** feel like.