

SMALL SPACE *Big Style*

Clever solutions
for compact
spaces from
**New Age
Interiors**

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Designer Melissa Fenigstein of New Age Interiors in Syosset used her design expertise to create an elegant yet functional space when her clients downsized from their large home to a two bedroom condo in Nassau County.

Their new home, with its open floor plan, already had an eat-in-kitchen but did not have a formal dining area. Fenigstein, whose clients like to entertain whether it is hosting a



dinner party for friends or celebrating the holidays with family, was up for the challenge. The designer maximized the space by selecting an extremely unique console at a mere 16 inches wide which folds open into a table that seats eight, transforming the room into the formal dining area the clients were going for.

For added seating, custom folding chairs were made to match

the modern decor. “Between the fold-out console and our kitchen seating, 16 people can now enjoy an elegant sit down dinner,” said Melissa. Adding proudly, “For a small space ... it’s very clever.”

Some additional design highlights include a cocktail table made from brass and stone, dark wood parquet flooring, contemporary wall art made from acrylic and cracked glass and special

lighting. “The lamps are not just lamps, but gorgeous decorative accessories that happen to be functional. They have a lot of personality,” says Melissa. “My client has very good style sense. She was not afraid.”

Another design detail to take note of is the custom cabinetry in the master bedroom. New Age Interiors was genius in using every inch of the space by installing cus-

tom cabinetry that went as high as ceiling height, often space people never utilize. This gave the clients a much roomier area to lounge. The flat screen television was also placed in the unit to allow for great use of the space.

As the photos demonstrate, New Age Interiors certainly succeeded the task of getting creative with a small space to allow for large gatherings. 🏠

