

This Kind of Space Is More Popular Than Ever Before, According to Real Estate Experts

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Real estate experts agree that "nook space" is here to stay -- these small-scale, multi-use spaces are more valuable than ever. While this isn't quite a new trend, it's one that makes sense for homes that serve lots of different purposes, like a place to work, do homework, or simply serve as a cozy space for reading or relaxing.

Nooks don't require a huge budget, either. Closets being converted into reading and office nooks is a trend that's gaining momentum, says Matthew Digati, a professional real estate photographer and home stager. "When done properly, this can really be a great selling point, especially if the home is only one or two bedrooms and there isn't an office space," he says.



Digati says he loves to stage and photograph these closet nooks. Removing the door, building in a small desk, and adding a few plants to liven up the area, he feels, can really transform a home by only changing a few square feet.



Digati also says that he's noticing nooks are being built purposefully in new construction homes and marketed as areas that can serve as small home offices or workout zones.

"New-build nooks are commonly just large enough to fit a desk and a chair for those that need a work area, or a Peloton bike for those that choose to workout at home," he says.

A real estate agent with Sotheby's says he's loving under-the-staircase nooks. "It's a great way to utilize a space that would otherwise be wasted."



In new and remodeled homes, he's seeing nooks pop up all over the place — under large windows, in unused corners, and in lofted spaces.

In addition to being used as work spaces or meditation areas, the nooks are being used as dog dens, coinciding with another trend of people prioritizing properties that are a good fit for their pets.



And all those at-home Zoom happy hours have turned people into enthusiastic mixologists. As a result, LaBadia is seeing these small nook spaces being turned into at-home bar stations with stocked bar carts.



Cheers to the nook!