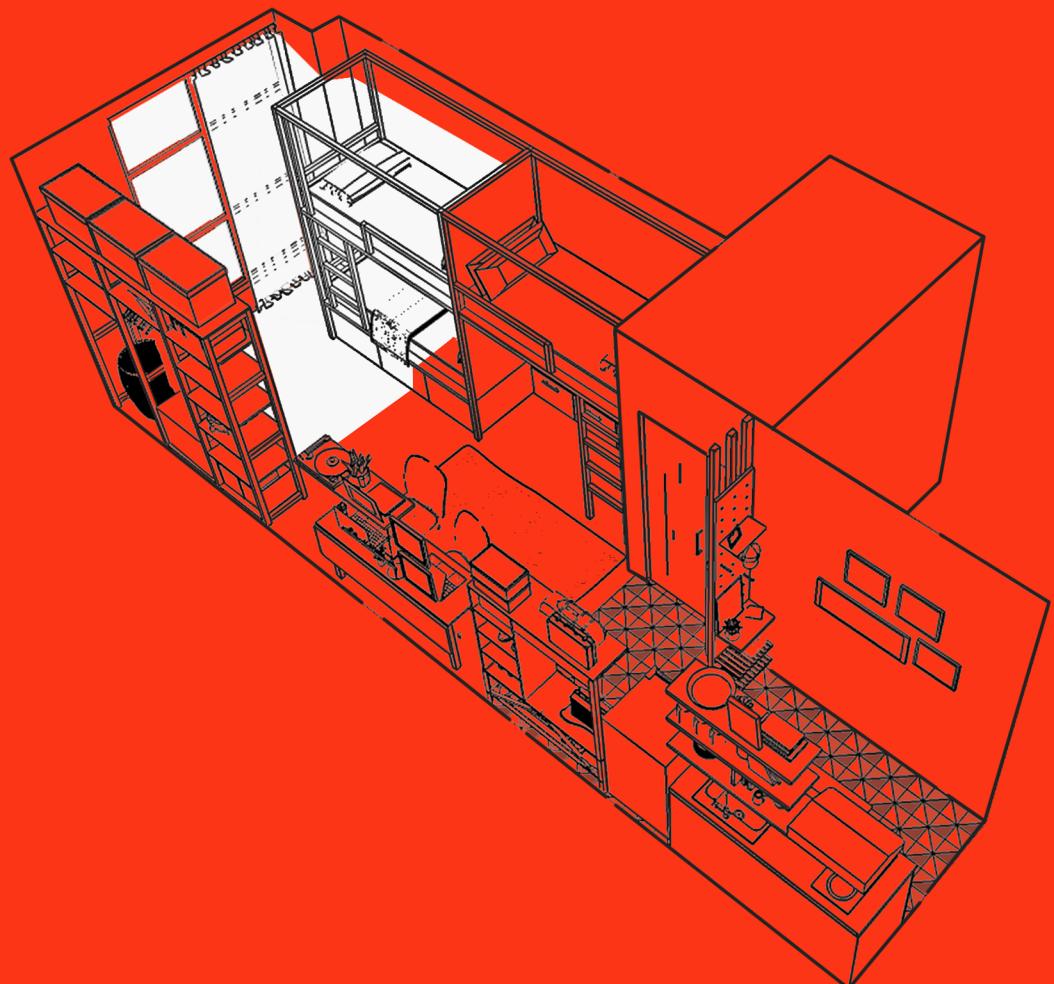


home

an efficient alternative to living
your dream home in dense cities

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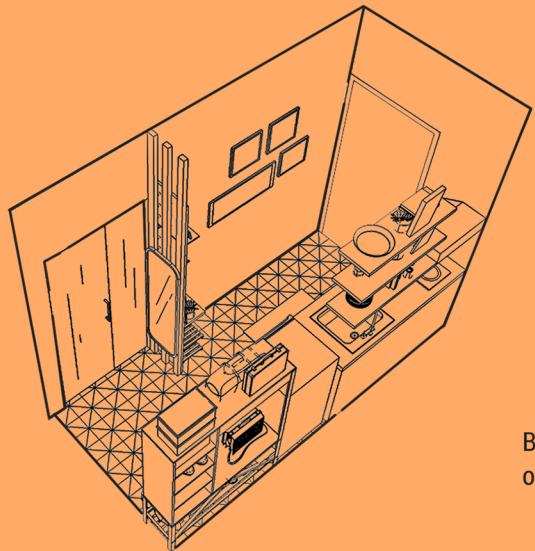
The Philippine population has been increasing every year, so the trend of living in apartments, condos, and dorms has been rising as well. Most often than not, people who dwell in these cities find it more efficient when they share their living spaces with roommates. Not only is it more cost effective but it also gives them the benefits of companionship and convenience. So even if you were to live in a small space, why limit yourself to having a dream home? Therefore, here are some of the elements, wherein I believe, can help improve the function of each space within a compact home.

The plan below is an example of a 20sqm condo. First and foremost, it's good to start planning a space wherein you list all the major activities in a home.



floor plan

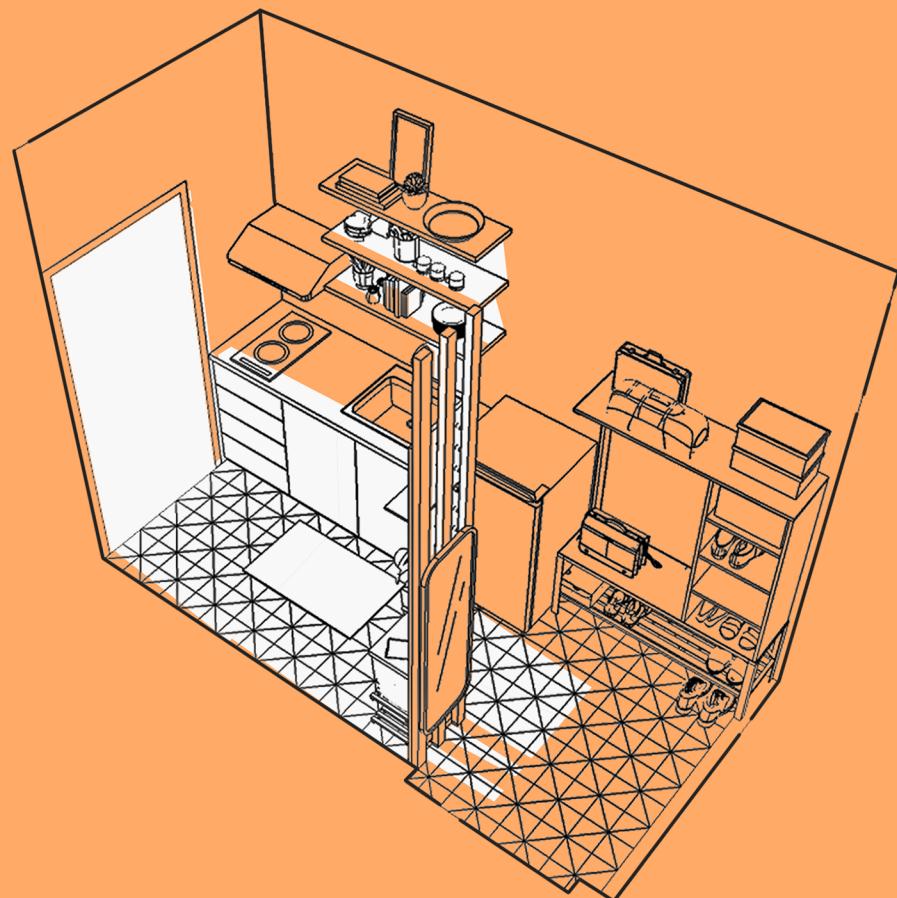
- 1 - KITCHEN / ENTRANCE
- 2 - BATHROOM
- 3 - STUDY / DINING AREA
- 4 - SLEEPING AREA

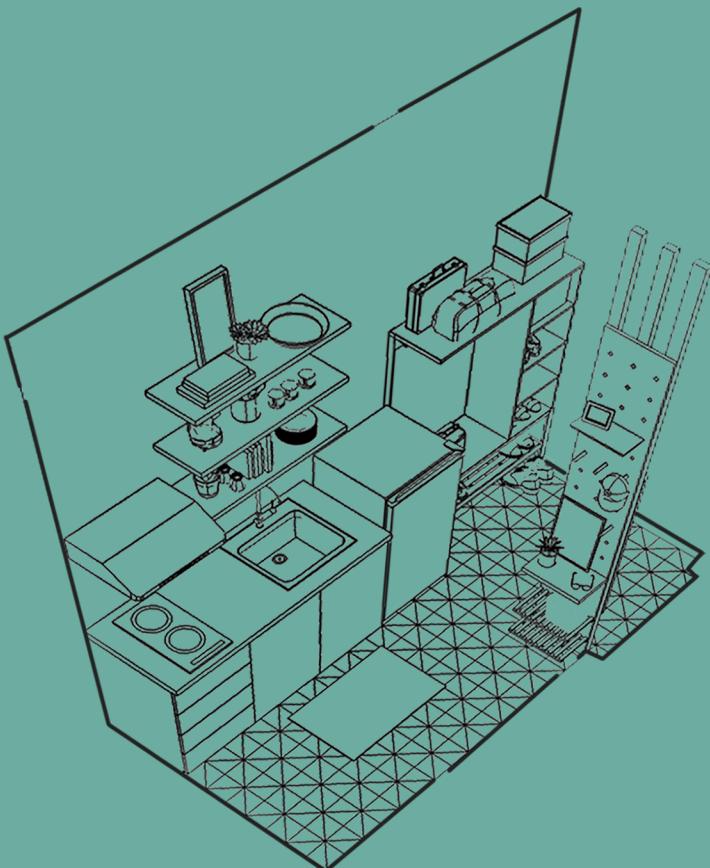


zone

Second, is to zone out certain areas from one another. By doing so, you can easily understand the purpose and organization of each space.

As seen in the images, the entrance and kitchen is separated from the rest of the room through a multi-purpose partition. Not only can it be used for storage but it also serves as a divider, limiting the visibility of the private areas within the unit. Behind the partition is the location of the bathroom and a small area for bags and shoes.



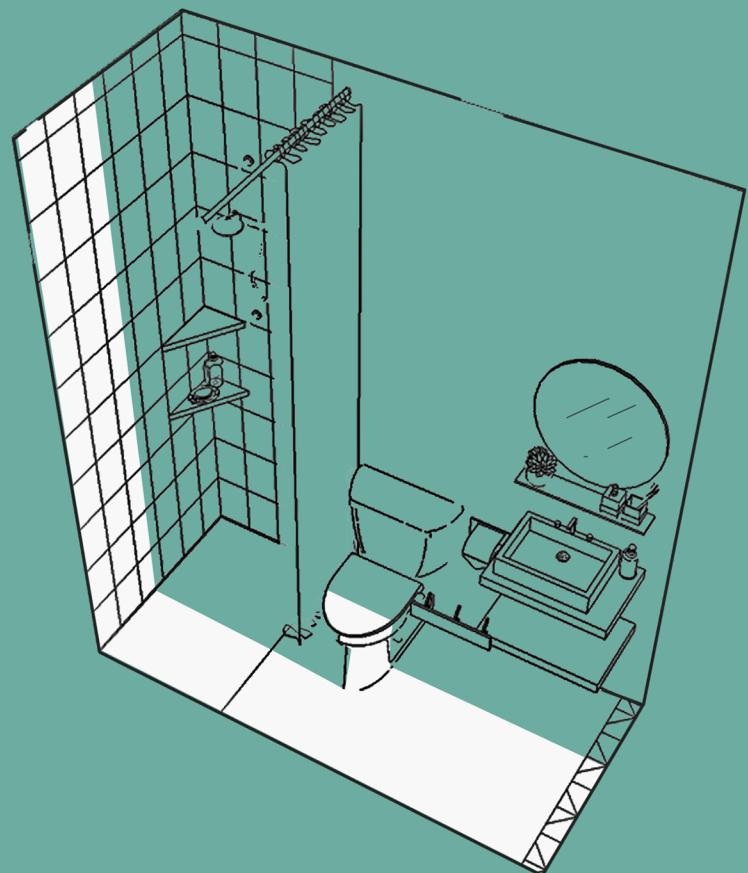


storage

Nothing makes a space feel smaller than clutter. Storage will always be a key element in a home.

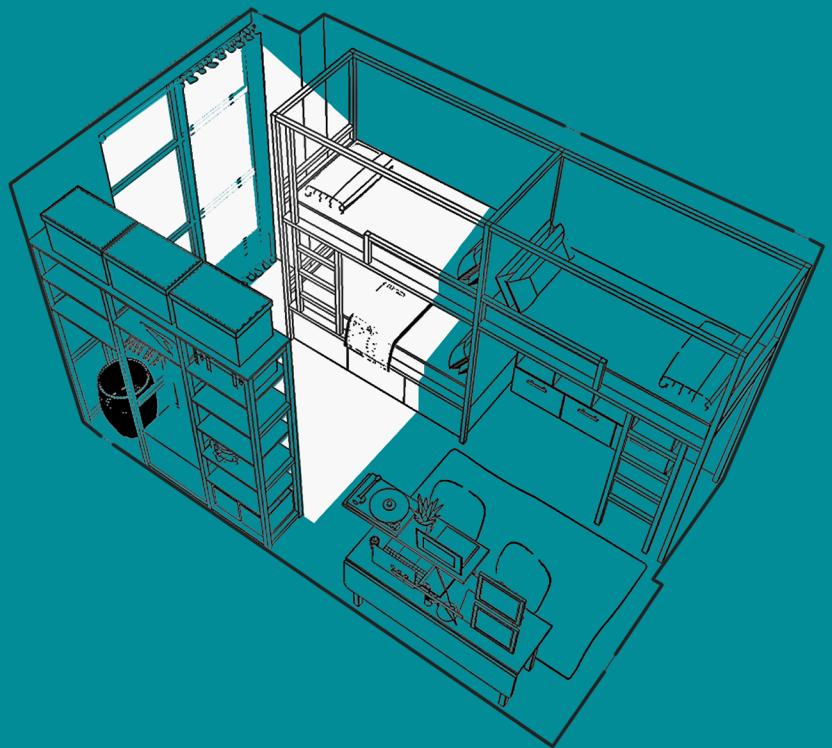
walls

Bulky furniture inside bathrooms will just look very awkward and cramped in small spaces. Which is why making use of the walls to put up some hooks and shelves is actually all you need.



light

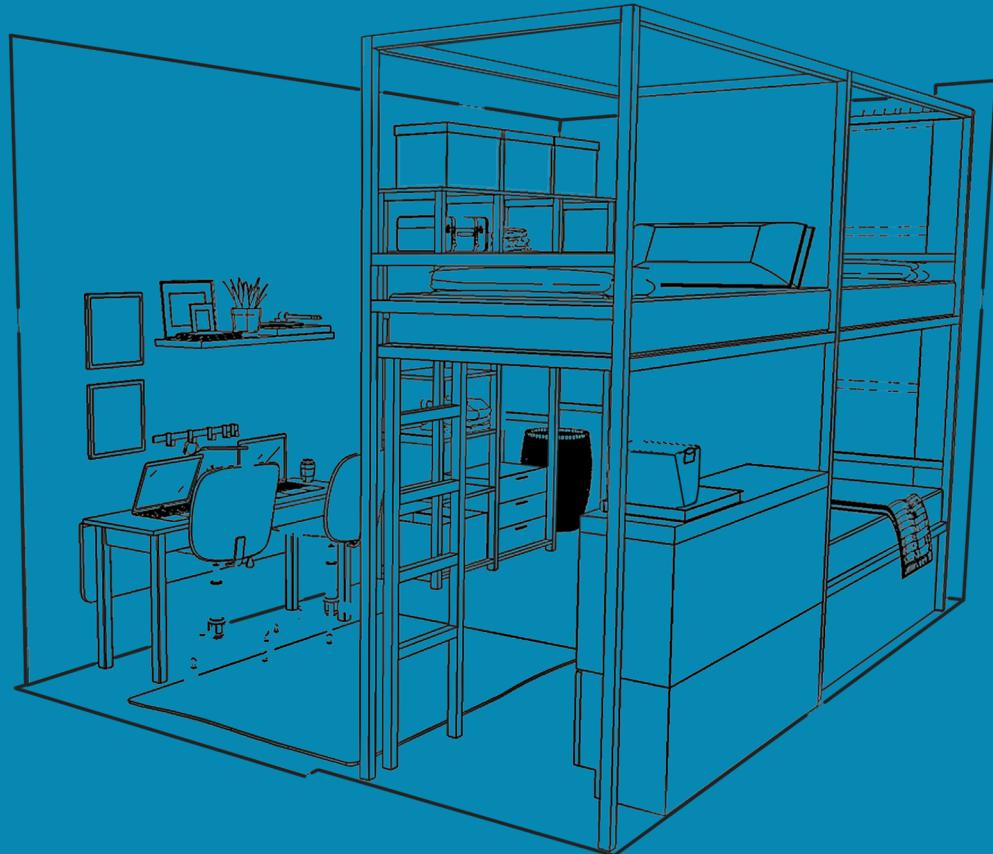
Lighting may not help with making the room bigger, but it's still one of the most important elements in designing a space. Aside from its functional purpose, light has the ability to be manipulated. It can help highlight and set the mood in certain areas of the room. Thus, implementing a more holistic environment for your home.



furniture

Furniture that can function for multiple purposes helps. An example would be dining tables that can be used as desks. It would also be more helpful if you were to opt for foldable and compact furniture so it could be easily stored away.





vertical

Lastly, try to exploit all of the spaces up until the ceiling. Just like in the image shown, the sleeping area was maximized by customizing the bunk bed so that it could fit three people. It even created an extra space below that could fit as another storage area.