

RIGHT Lightweight furniture, such as this classic mid-century rocker by Charles and Ray Eames, is a boon in small spaces. In addition, this chair's vivid shade of peacock blue packs a visual punch.

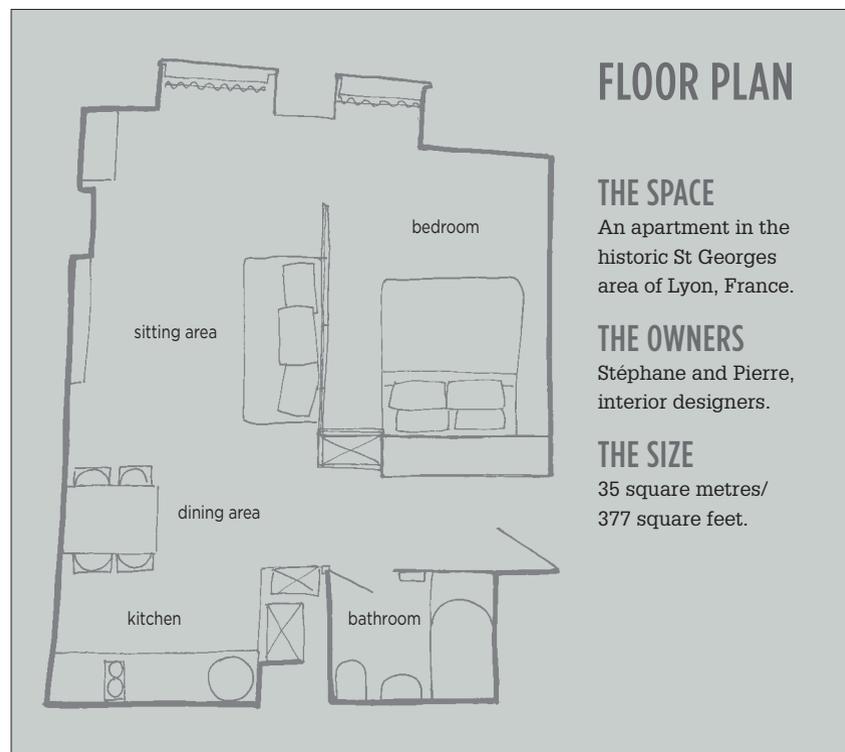
FAR RIGHT An adjustable narrow shelving unit tucked into an alcove offers useful display and storage space.

OPPOSITE The transformation of this small apartment has been achieved by installing a glass-panelled partition between the sleeping area and the rest of the open-plan interior, and by using a fashionably dark and intense colour palette.



SHADES OF GREY

THIS APARTMENT IN THE FRENCH CITY OF LYON IS A FABULOUS EXAMPLE OF HOW DARK SHADES CAN BE USED TO DRAMATIC EFFECT IN A TINY SPACE. DESPITE MEASURING JUST 35 SQUARE METRES/377 SQUARE FEET — THE SAME DIMENSIONS AS ITS ALL-WHITE COUNTERPART SITUATED ON THE FLOOR ABOVE (SEE PAGES 78-85), BUT STYLED VERY DIFFERENTLY — THIS CHIC APARTMENT CONTAINS ALL THE ELEMENTS A MODERN LIVING SPACE DEMANDS.



Situated in a charming 16th-century stone building nestled among the meandering cobbled streets of the St Georges district — a UNESCO-accredited World Heritage site and part of the historic quarter of Vieux Lyon — this is one of two apartments in the same building that are the creative work of interior design duo Stéphane and Pierre. Despite being bought and designed specifically to be used as medium- to short-term lets, offering visitors to the city a comfortable and stylish rental experience, the two apartments contain a wealth of style ideas and practical design solutions that can be used as a source of inspiration for interiors that are intended as a permanent residence.

