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Making the most of smaller spaces usually leads to much moving, mashing and maneuvering around and through couches, chairs and tables. With cramped quarters in mind, these designers come up with witty solutions that are also quite whimsical – smart and simple ways to avoid yet another stubbed toe.

1 JUXTAPOSED WITH YOU by MARIANNE BAILEY for YAMAHA Combining the intimacy of a shared umbrella with the pleasures of sipping the same drink, this foliage-etched canopy creates a cozy nook to wait out the bad weather. global.yamaha.com

2 HOLLOW TABLE by BRAVE SPACE The Brooklyn-based design team, which was part of the Haute Green exhibit, brings contrasting shades of bamboo together in a tidy line of table/benches and nesting stools that also store magazines and snacks in their hollow interiors. bravespacedesign.com

3 FALB by BKM A true triple threat, the mint-green Falb functions as chair, end table and garment rack, with an arm for your jacket, a ledge for a cocktail, and of course, a comfortable seat. Topping off this total package, an extended left leg and swooping back offer a modish break from conventional symmetry. bkm-format.com



4 Beside by BKM This IFDA-award-winning, rotating shade swivels from nightlight to reading lamp, and provides ample space to plop your personal items. Possessing much more than the perfect bedside manner, Beside makes a gleaming complement to any bedroom. bkm-format.com

5 TODAY'S HELLO by ERICO BERGESE for YAMAHA This inventive bench spouts a tubular container made to hold colorful blossoms – the perfect spot to stop and smell the roses. global.yamaha.com

6 HOOD by ERIC POULIQUEN (VIA 2006) Combining a rigid outer shell with flexible polyurethane foam, this chair cocoons its occupant when closed, and transforms into an armchair with the flick of a zipper. via.fr **ME**



TOP BAR: Todd Laby's Rhubarb Stant table+bench rhubarbdeco.com