



LOFT FURNISHINGS

Adrienne Faulkner, CEO of Faulkner Design Group — a Dallas company that specializes in unit space planning and interior architecture and design — offers these tips when decorating a high-rise or loft, where space is at a premium.

DEFINE THE AREA

This is a must, especially in hard lofts, which are contained in old, converted buildings, are more open and more likely to have exposed ceilings that are also higher. In some recent California lofts, Faulkner utilized curtains to separate the bedrooms from the rest of the living areas. Depending on the architecture of the loft, simple furniture layout can be a good way to section off areas.

STORE IT

Ample storage is another important issue that is sometimes troublesome in lofts. "Because they're so open, developers think people will bring things to put their stuff in, but a lot of people want to know specifically where to put it," she says. This is a plus to soft lofts, which feature open interior spaces, but closed, private bedrooms with a less industrial look. Faulkner also recommends putting the bed on a platform that provides additional storage underneath.

BE FLEXIBLE

Flexibility and adaptability need to be kept in mind when designing and furnishing a loft or high-rise, and it's good to work with a design company, Faulkner says. Customers are shown their floor plan with different arrangements, so they know their options. "One person might need a space for a child or office or an extra master closet," she says. "It's hard in design to have one recipe for how to do things."

ABOVE: In this loft space in the NoHo Lofts in North Hollywood, Calif., Adrienne Faulkner, CEO of Faulkner Design Group, used curtains to separate the bedroom from the rest of the living areas. Photo by Steve Hinds Photography

LEFT: Upscale amenities and sophisticated details included in One Arts Plaza residential spaces are floor-to-ceiling windows and Balubaop kitchens with Miele and Sub-Zero appliances.

LEFT: High-end materials create a light and airy feeling in this high-rise found in The W at Victory's north tower.