



DESIGNER'S EYE

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CREATING 'COZY'

FRONT ROOM | Awkward angles, openings are challenging

PROBLEM

Dear Designer's Eye,

The room I need most help is the front room. The overall measurements are 20-by-14 feet.

I'm in my early 50s and live here alone. The room feels narrow and uninviting. I would like it to be a sitting/reading room with an oversized chair.

Thank you for your help,
Mary

Dear Mary,

This room is long and narrow with various openings that make it awkward to position furniture. The following suggestions can help you achieve the cozy reading room that you desire.

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Front room in need of help: Narrow and uninviting.

SOLUTION

1. BOOKSHELVES

Placing bookshelves on the back wall will not only provide storage for books and collectibles, but also create the illusion of bringing the room forward.

2. COZY UP

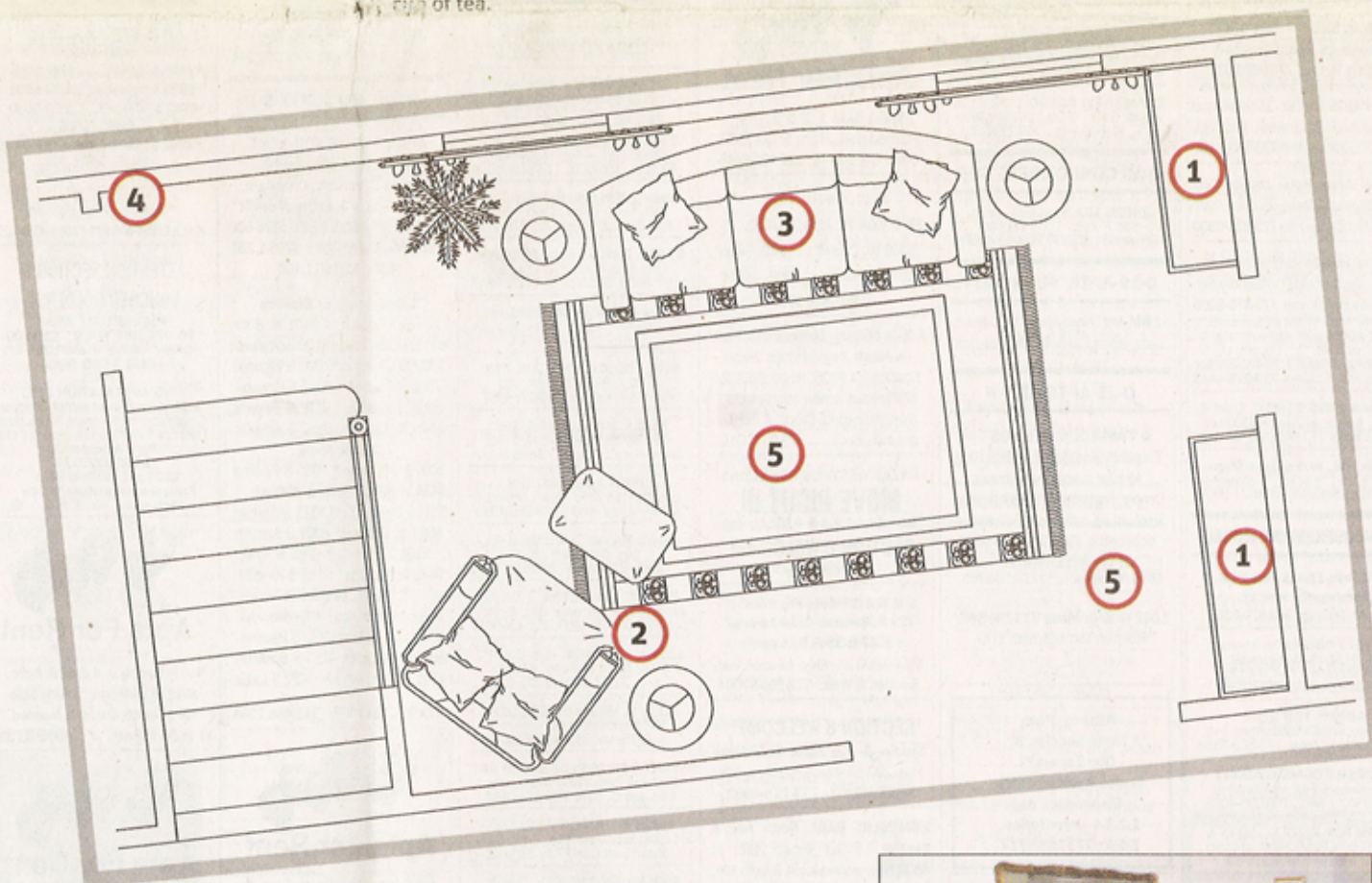
Transform an awkward space near the entry into an intimate and quiet corner with the addition of a comfortable chair and ottoman. Add a lamp for reading and a small end table on which to place a cup of tea.

3. CURVES HELP

A slightly curved sofa that compliments the shape and fabric of the reading chair will break up the rectangular feel of the room while adding additional comfortable seating.

4. DRAPES

Floor-to-ceiling vertical drape panels on the sides of the windows will make the windows appear wider and add softness.



5. TIE THE WHOLE ROOM TOGETHER

A colorful and interesting rug in the center of the room ties everything all together.

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ABOVE: This couch should be replaced with a slightly curved sofa that compliments the shape and fabric of a reading chair. LEFT: These chairs should be replaced with a comfortable chair and ottoman.