

The New Trick Designers are Using To Zone Rooms and Create Privacy Is Both Beautiful and Functional

Designers have taken 'zoning' to new heights with this new way to separate a space that looks great, creates privacy, and is useful for storage too



(Image credit: Bjorg Magnea, Design: PJCArchitecture)



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When faced with an open floor plan, or individual rooms that are quite generous in size, you'll most likely feel the need to zone them out to make them look more cozy and create a sense of purpose for different areas. What would normally be the go-to option would be zoning your space using furniture layout and / or rugs to differentiate one area from another. You might separate a living space by turning a sofa with its back away from the rest of the room or zone a dining space with a large rug.

This all works fine, but designers are using a new [interior design trend](#) that promises to zone out your space, all while creating more privacy, and providing functionality. Room divider closets that look sleek and are integrated into the design of the space offer separation and privacy almost like a wall would, except that they incorporate storage and still allow for that flow an open floor plan provides, making them a solution that offers the best of both worlds. Here's how you can use them in a beautiful and functional modern home.

1. ZONE AN OPEN SPACE TO CREATE PRIVACY



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Open plan layouts have become increasingly popular in modern homes, and we love them for the sense of space they create. However, it can all look a bit flat and like an accumulation of random furniture if not zoned properly. Equally, we often miss out on the feeling of coziness and privacy that having actual walls creates.

In their Greenwich Village apartment renovation, the PJC Architecture team custom-designed a floating closet [room divider](#) that separates a hallway

from the living area, and provides ample [storage](#) without sacrificing sweeping skyline views. 'We worked with the homeowners to optimize the irregular, triangle floor plan around a floating "core" element that provides necessary storage space and delineates living zones without comprising an open flow,' tells me [Philip J. Consalvo](#), Principal, PJCArchitecture.