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Furniture, fabrics, and lighting help to designate separate spaces in this multifunctional living area.

### FURNITURE WITH MORE THAN ONE PURPOSE

The space isn't all that's multifunctional about this room. Mary Moore and Brad chose a number of adaptable furniture pieces as well.

They slip-covered old chairs for a different look in the living area. Mary Moore's very first office chair was reupholstered and used as a desk chair, while the desk itself was a kitchen worktable that belonged to her great-great aunt.

"I still remember her making biscuits on this," says Mary Moore, who painted the piece and added a mahogany top.

Her grandmother's kitchen table was cut down to become a coffee table in the center of the space.

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## One Room Living

Who says a bedroom can have only one purpose?

Factor in room service, and homeowner Mary Moore Hoover would never need to leave this airy upstairs living space. And why would she want to? This one room has it all—an inviting sitting area, a sleek office space, a comfy bed, and even a beautiful bath.

This space once served solely as the master bedroom. "It was a wonderful retreat, but I wanted an area that I could really live in," says Mary Moore. So she worked with architect Lourdes Reynafarje to create a multifunctional living space. Lourdes punched out the rear of the room and utilized existing windows to reconstruct a larger space still true to the design of the Seaside, Florida, home.

### Wide-open Space

"Visual barriers can help separate the functions of an open room such as this one," says interior designer Brad Speight, who helped with the furniture placement and decor. Here seating arrangements, room color, a series of rugs, and task lighting are among the tools used to designate the different areas.

"Because we wanted the room to also flow, we began with the living area as the hub of the space, and then worked our way out from there," says Brad. "A rug delineates the living space, and everything centers around that."

### Perfect Plan

Proof positive that the open floor plan worked came about last Christmas Eve when Mary Moore held a party with more than 30 friends in this newly remodeled space. "I iced down Champagne in the tub, put trays of food on the bed, and used the trunk at the end of the bed as a bar," she says. Now, that's multifunction.

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"It's not just a tub—I also think of it as an architectural piece," says Mary Moore, who showcases it in one corner of this open room.

