

24-room micro-apartment

HONG KONG is a busy and exciting city with a population of more than seven million. Like most people in Hong Kong, architect Gary Chang lives in a small apartment. But Gary's apartment has a difference – he can move the walls. It's only 32 square meters, but he can create a lot of new "rooms" inside it.

When you come into the apartment, you see just one room. There's a wall with a TV on it. If you move this, you find a kitchen with a sink and stove. Next to the kitchen, there's a small wall with a washing machine behind it.

Back in the main room, are there any chairs? No, there aren't any armchairs, but there's a small sofa on a wall. You can lift the sofa, pull down the wall, and it becomes a double bed! There are some shelves for books next to the bed, and there's a desk under the shelves.

Another wall in the main room has shelves for Gary's 3,000 CDs. If you move this wall, you find a bathroom behind it. Is there space for visitors? Gary can cover the bathtub to make a bed for guests.

In total, Gary can make 24 different "rooms," including a dining room, a study, and a movie room. There's no balcony, but Gary doesn't mind. He has enough space to have dinner with friends, do yoga, and even have a party!



3 Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1 What is Gary's job?
- 2 How does Gary make the different "rooms"?
- 3 Where is his bed?
- 4 Where can guests sleep?
- 5 According to the text, what free-time activities can Gary do in the apartment?

_____ They can sleep on top of the bathtub.

_____ He moves the walls.

_____ He is an architect.

_____ He can watch movies, have dinner with friends, do yoga, and have a party

_____ It's inside the wall, behind the sofa.