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Six homes with oversized "great rooms" in which to gather



Once upon a time, we prepared meals in the kitchen, served them in the dining room, and then retired to the living room for some after-dinner socializing. These days, all of those activities tend to take place in one single central location, which is why homes with, over-sized, centralized, multi-use spaces are so desirable.

Here, six apartments that illustrate the concept, offering great rooms in which friends and family can eat, drink and be merry together.



The centerpiece of this four-bedroom, three-bath condo loft at 132 Perry Street (for rent at \$30,000/month) is the sun-filled great room, boasting five oversized casement windows, a north-facing Juliet balcony, a south-facing terrace, three exposures, a woodburning fireplace, and an open kitchen.