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A home with a dining banquette at which to chow and chat with family and friends

A dining banquette doesn't just provide convenient and, frequently, space-saving seating for quick meals and snacks, it transforms a kitchen (already the informal heart of the home) into a comfortable place to congregate.

Here, five homes that do it especially well.



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Finally, a slim banquette maximizes space brilliantly in this 10-foot-wide dining room within a three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath condo at 141 East 88th Street (asking price: \$3.495 million)