

HOW TO CREATE THE PERFECT *guest bedroom*

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WHEN CREATING A GUEST ROOM, IT IS OFTEN important to create a self-contained suite where your guest can be comfortable and find most of the personal comforts of home. Just think of a hotel suite and the various elements that can be found within it. The bed is the key piece of furniture in a bedroom so it's important to make it a luscious and welcoming space. You can't go wrong with classic crisp white bedding — get the best quality bedding you can find and afford and your guest will have a memorable and restful sleep. Storage for clothing is a must so that your guests can put away their clothes which gives them a sense of permanence in the room. A chair

and a table surface are needed for multi-tasking as it gives them an opportunity to sit and write or simply chat on the phone. Don't forget to add an alarm clock with a radio, and a mirror for personal grooming — these items are often an oversight.

This bedroom was created with the aim of making it welcoming and warm with lots of storage to maintain a neat and clean look. We incorporated built-in storage on either side of the bed to include full-depth 24-inch hanging closet space with nightstands at the standard 26-inch height. This complete unit was painted a muted deep blue-grey colour (Duxbury Grey, Benjamin Moore HC 163). This creates a focal wall and is



Duxbury Grey, HC 163
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ultimately a very functional addition to the overall space as well.

The monochromatic colour scheme is continued in the bedding with silk accent pillows. Lighting is always a key component to any successful interior, and in this bedroom we added task lighting with the wall-mounted elbow lights that flank the bed. The ceiling-mounted light fixture is a sophisticated light feature with its crystal and translucent shade that softens the light in the space.

If the guest room does not have an ensuite bath, provide the room with a guest package which includes items like: towels, guest soap, a manicure set, water and a glass. A small pouch filled with lavender not only will ensure a wonderful, restful sleep but it is a much welcomed luxury.



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GUEST ROOM CHECKLIST:

- › Use a calm and cosy colour scheme, stick to two colours maximum with muted shades
- › Ensure that there is adequate lighting with task lighting at the bed for late night reading
- › Provide seating and a table surface for writing
- › Provide a collection of towels, extra blankets and other personal need items so that your guest does not have to knock on your bedroom door to ask for them
- › Seasonal fresh flowers and water on the night table to welcome your guest is a thoughtful touch
- › Night stands or simple side tables beside the bed for a place to rest personal items
- › Adequate storage for clothing
- › Bedside alarm clock with a radio
- › Provide a mirror, especially if there is no ensuite bath



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