

# Be our guest

Ideas to help you turn a spare room into a warm and welcoming space for visitors to stay the night

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▲ If your spare room has multiple uses, then its furniture should be multifunctional too. The middle section of the Topaze lifts up to reveal a mirror and compartments, transforming it into a dressing table. Priced £2495 from The Sofa & Chair Company.  
020 8752 8935 or  
[www.thesofaandchair.co.uk](http://www.thesofaandchair.co.uk)

▲ Alvar by Bonaldo is a modular made up of three differently padded and stitched panels. Choose between two heights (or mix and match as shown) and a range of different coloured fabrics. The covers are fully removable for cleaning and extra sets are available so you can keep it looking fresh and new. Prices start at £1790 from Go Modern.  
020 7731 9540 or  
[www.gomodern.co.uk](http://www.gomodern.co.uk)

► Measuring 100cm wide, this stylish solid hardwood clothes rail from Natural Bed Company has plenty of room to hang clothing and a low slatted shelf for shoes. Priced £350.  
0114 272 1984 or  
[www.naturalbedcompany.co.uk](http://www.naturalbedcompany.co.uk)



◀ New bed linen can instantly update a room, and with the double-sided Woodland Walk design from Sainsbury's you can keep refreshing the look. A double bed linen set is priced £21, and the matching items shown include an ochre stripe woven cushion, £14, a knitted colour-block cushion, £10, a Woodland Walk print DAB radio, £40, and an aubergine tassel throw, £20 (on ladder).  
0800 636262 or  
[www.sainsburys.co.uk](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk)

▼ This guest bedroom is located at the top of a late Victorian home. Interior designer Tamzin Greenhill made the most of the available space by tucking the bed under the eaves. "The colours work well together to give this room a harmonious, comfortable and inviting scheme that is neither too feminine nor too masculine – perfect for any guest," she adds.  
[www.tamzingreenhill.com](http://www.tamzingreenhill.com)



▼ The pink Vico table lamp, £36 from Oliver Bonas, is small enough to be moved where needed and makes a stylish bedside light. And the decorative metal suitcases, priced from £75, are also useful for tidying away smaller items.

020 8974 0110 or [www.oliverbonas.com](http://www.oliverbonas.com)



▼ It's nice to have a comfortable reading chair in a guest bedroom, and adding a touch of luxury is this velvet scallop-backed Fitz cocktail chair from Swoon Editions. Available in a choice of velvet, wool and leather in multiple colourways and two oak finishes, it is shown here in Fern velvet and priced £349.

020 3389 7550 or [www.swoon editions.com](http://www.swoon editions.com)



▲ With only a small window in this guest bedroom, it was necessary for interior designer Rebekah Caudwell to create as light and airy a space as possible. "To keep the room bright I used a mirrored chest of drawers, as well as wall mirrors, and bounced the light around off white walls."

[www.rebekahcaudwelldesign.com](http://www.rebekahcaudwelldesign.com)

◀ The industrial-style Baker's hanging shelf with five hooks is a great place for guests to hang clothes and store other small belongings. Made from mango wood and iron, it costs £79 from Atkin and Thyme.

020 3768 7775 or  
[www.atkinandthyme.co.uk](http://www.atkinandthyme.co.uk)

► Ottoman beds provide hidden space to store extra bed linen, and the king-size Poppy (shown here in the Blossom colourway) comes with two gas-lift pneumatic arms to make accessing the storage underneath effortless. Priced £1325 from Button & Sprung.

0333 320 1801 or  
[www.buttonandsprung.com](http://www.buttonandsprung.com)



▲ Perch & Parrow's Lolly two-seater sofa bed is an ideal piece of furniture to have for any unexpected guests – just fold out the bed to reveal the double sprung mattress. Shown here in Grace Kelly cotton, it is priced from £930. A three-seater version is also available.

020 8629 1166 or  
[www.perchandparrow.com](http://www.perchandparrow.com)



► Guests will only need minimal hanging space so utilise the rest of your storage in a guest bedroom for out-of-season clothing, extra bedding and towels. To maximise storage space opt for a built-in wardrobe such as this one from John Lewis of Hungerford, where prices start at £5000.

0700 278 4726 or  
[www.john-lewis.co.uk](http://www.john-lewis.co.uk)





▲ The Loaf Friends trundle bed transforms from a single bed to a double, simply by sliding out the second mattress from underneath. Available in a variety of fabrics, this two-in-one space-saver is priced from £895.

**0845 468 0698 or [www.loaf.com](http://www.loaf.com)**



Both elegant and functional, the Cyriaque rail from Maisons du Monde provides valuable hanging and shelving space. Made from black metal and mango wood, it is mounted on wheels so can be moved around with ease. Priced £262.50.

**0808 234 2172 or  
[www.maisonsdumonde.com](http://www.maisonsdumonde.com)**



► Willow & Hall's Badbury blanket box is a must-have storage piece. It is available in three sizes and over 100 different fabrics and leathers, so you can pick one to suit your space. Plus its cushioned top means it can double up as a seat too. Shown here in House Linen Vintage Grey, priced around £400.

**020 8939 3800 or  
[www.willowandhall.co.uk](http://www.willowandhall.co.uk)**