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# How to make a small bedroom look larger.

The dream bedroom would have enough space for a California King (72" x 84" vs 76" x 80") with nightstands on either side, plenty of natural light, and a walk-in closet – but condo builders didn't get the memo. Suite sizes are shrinking making small bedrooms a common decorating dilemma. However, with a little imagination, and some clever hacks, you can make your bedroom appear much more spacious than it is.

## Add Some Legs

Adding the appearance of height to furniture can increase the feeling of space in almost any room. The bed is a strong focal point where adding legs – rather than storage drawers – will make the room look larger by making the floor treatment more visible. Adding "air" around any piece of furniture will automatically open up the space. If a storage bed is a must, then try open nightstands, dressers, and seating.

## Wall-mounted Light Fixtures

Avoid cluttering up your nightstand with table lamps and electrical cords. Wall sconce installed above and/or beside your headboard will give your sanctuary a light, airy, uncluttered feel and provide an excellent light source for reading in bed especially if the fixtures are adjustable and the light source dimmable.

## A Light Bright Colour Scheme

Shades of white are the go-to solution for making small spaces feel larger. If you're not a fan of the all-white look, consider painting your bedroom in a bright, rather than dark or moody hue. Greys and pastels can also be used effectively when handled sensitively. Matching window treatment colours to the colour of the walls and trim will also help by open up the room by denying the eye a place to stop while scanning the room.

## Area Rugs

Making a bedroom – or any room – feel bigger is all about tricking the eye (see above). Area Rugs are an important tool when furnishing a space. Shade, pattern, texture, proportion, and positioning provide many options for adding to the illusion of space. They also contribute to comfort and sound absorption.

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