

BUYING BEDROOM FURNITURE THAT LASTS

There are many bedroom furniture options. But, unlike other rooms that can be updated often, basic bedroom furniture tends to be a long-term commitment. Sure, linens and wall colors can change with the times, but be careful to choose bedroom furnishings that last—both in terms of durability and style.

The Synchrony HOME™ credit card suggests answering these three basic questions to help guide your decision.



What is your expected timeframe? Are you purchasing furniture for a master bedroom that might last 20 or more years? If so, make sure you choose a bedframe size that matches your needs and room size. Remember, since Americans move houses an average of 11.4 times in their lifetime, you may be required to find room in your next home to accommodate that king-size bed. Remember, children can be hard on furniture and finishes—reducing the lifespan. Higher quality solid wood materials most always outperform other materials, but care and proper maintenance can make a big difference.



What are your storage options? Many new homes offer walk-in closets with storage features that may take the place of traditional dressers. In addition, many bedframes now feature built-in storage options using the space often wasted under the mattress and box springs. If you need a desk or workstation, that's an important consideration both in terms of storage and wall space.



What is the room size and layout? Unlike most other rooms, bedrooms tend to have pretty basic box or rectangle footprints with closets, windows and doors on two or three of the walls. Obviously, room size has a big influence on number of beds and bed size, but dressers, nightstands and other furnishings can as well. There are many online resources that can help you visualize your bedroom layouts—just search “bedroom layouts.”

Have fun selecting bedroom furniture for this important room. Now, more than ever, your choices are virtually unlimited.

<http://www.mydomaine.com/bedroom-layouts>

<http://www.lifehack.org/375617/8-easy-tips-for-buying-bedroom-furniture>

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