

BEDROOMS & BATHROOMS

As a general rule, the bedside table should be the same height as the mattress. DVF penthouse on Hayman Island, designed by Diane von Furstenberg



hanging out

Hanging pendants over bedside tables saves space and creates a clutter-free look in this bedroom. Image courtesy of BoConcept

from free-standing, two-door armoires to built-in designs and the dream walk-in wardrobes.

"For existing wardrobes, one of the most common pitfalls is their lack of consideration for what goes inside them. Make a broad list of all the contents to be stored and use this as the starting point for reconfiguring. As a bare minimum, make sure you have two-thirds of the hanging space with double hanging (for suits, shirts, skirts and pants) and one-third with a single rod for hanging long coats and dresses. Have a shelf on top for storing hat boxes and items that are not used often, and if you have space left, consider open shelves for jumpers, t-shirts and scarves, and drawers for underwear, socks, ties and belts," says Linda.

Don't forget about organising your shoes as well. Shoe racks and storage boxes are great for protecting them and getting them out of the way, but shoe drawers are better. "Shoe drawers allow easy viewing and protect your investment ... and depending on the size of your foot you can even store them up to three pairs deep. Shoes stored in drawers do not attract the amount of dust that an open display or pigeon hole does," says Linda.

WINDOW TREATMENTS

Generally speaking, drapes create a formal feel within a space while fabric shades, such as Roman blinds, are more informal and are also cheaper as they require less fabric. The particular fabric you choose will depend on the shade's ability to block out light and heat, but most options can be lined with blackout fabric to increase these capabilities. Alternatives include roller blinds and shutters, however these will not completely block out light and won't "provide the romantic softness and warmth often desired in a bedroom", says Linda.



mirror mirror

The reflective surfaces in this bedroom complement the glamorous design by Massimo Interiors and also make the room feel larger and more grand

