

# styling



**The practicalities of bedroom** life can look superb if you style them right. For example, a clock, table lamp, books, a small dish for jewellery and a vase of flowers neatly arranged on a bedside table add the finishing touches.

Choose a range of heights for these objects, and use the stylist's rule about using odd numbers. The same goes for the top of your chest of drawers where you might have a collection of vases, a jewellery box, framed family photos and items like a hairbrush or mirror.

Consider scale. If you're blessed with a spacious bedroom, your accessories and furniture can be oversized so that they don't look lost in the room. The reverse applies to a small bedroom.

An artwork hung centred over the bed always looks good or if you want the wall to have more impact, consider a gallery-style arrangement of art. Just make sure your head won't bump into them when you're sitting up in bed. Or prop an artwork up on a dressing table rather than hang it. Check out the [www.resene.com/artprojects](http://www.resene.com/artprojects) and [www.habitatbyresene.com](http://www.habitatbyresene.com) websites for some easy-to-make DIY art ideas.

A collection of family photos is always a lovely personal addition to a bedroom – consider painting a series of photo frames in the same or similar colour using Resene testpots so the collection looks more cohesive.

Use small pendant lights hung low beside the bed instead of wall or table lamps. The recent trend for industrial-style Edison

Resene  
China Ivory

Resene  
Miso

Resene  
Alpaca

Resene  
Travertine

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Nirvana

Resene  
Eighth Tapa

Resene  
Coconut Cream

Resene  
Fawn Green

bulbs works well with this approach. A bench seat or ottoman at the foot of the bed adds a hotel vibe.

Try to keep your bedroom clutter-free. There's nothing worse than tripping over shoes when you're half awake, knocking your tea off the bedside cabinet because there's no set-down space, or having to fossick through a pile of clothes to find your favourite top... and then have to iron it.


Most of all, a bedroom should feel welcoming and comfortable so be flexible with your styling so that you don't feel constrained or that you can't touch or move anything.

## *A quiet spot*

If your bedroom is big enough, consider adding a quiet corner to retreat to – a place to read, play games on your device, have a cup of tea or chat to a friend online or on the phone. This will give you space to get away from the rest of the house, without actually having to go to bed. Add a comfy armchair, a small side table and a reading lamp. If you are building a new home, what about a built-in window seat or nook?

**Opposite:** If you have a favourite cushion or blanket, why not use it as the starting point for your colour scheme. The top of the wall is Resene Travertine, the middle of the wall is Resene Miso and the lower part of the wall is Resene Nirvana. Headboard in Resene Fawn Green with lattice pattern in Resene Miso, skirting board in Resene Fawn Green, shelf in Resene China Ivory, peg stool in Resene Coconut Cream and vases and pots in Resene Eighth Tapa and Resene Alpaca.

**Right:** Screens can be a way to partition off parts of your bedroom and hide away mess like laundry hampers. Wall in Resene Half Alabaster, floor in Resene Rakaia and arch screen in Resene Half Alabaster with stripes in Resene Patters Blue and side table in Resene Ship Cove. Artwork by Brenda Clews.

 Resene  
Half Alabaster

 Resene  
Rakaia

 Resene  
Patters Blue

