



**DESIGN FOCUS**  
with Randall Waddell

# How do you keep your Designer Bedroom looking like a Designer Bedroom?

**When you complete the job, the room looks great. Then two months later it looks like you're preparing to host a garage sale! This is a problem that I have found in all areas of design. So, how do you keep the bedroom you have redesigned looking great?**

Really, it's all about planning and ensuring that there is room to store all the things you require in the bedroom.

Make sure there is enough closet space. If there isn't then start getting rid of clothing and accessories that you no longer use, you'll be surprised how much really accumulates. Give the excess to a charity to help those that truly are in need. This means the closet won't be spilling out into the room and finding clothes that you actually would wear will be that much easier.

Within your closet, use shoe racks to maximise the usage of space and make the interior more orderly.

Select side tables with a drawer or two, so you can put the little things you need beside your bed every night somewhere out of sight.

Have decorative boxes of varying sizes in which to store things, like jewelry, magazines and hand bags. These can be stacked in a decorative display in a corner.

Have a laundry basket, and make sure it is in keeping with the bedroom decor but in a discreet place. This places all your dirty clothes out of the way, and they don't pile up on the lovely chair you have but can actually never use!

Don't allow too many "things" to be placed on

top of dressers and drawers. Choose a few select pieces to feature, and put away the rest. Too many items can be distracting, will cause clutter and makes dusting difficult. Less is always more!

Bookcases are great, and you can use them in multiple ways. The obvious is for storing books. Next, you can buy small fabric type containers that can be placed on the shelves. In these you can store the bits and pieces that have no home and the shelves would look neat and tidy. You can use cardboard boxes and decorate them, or rattan boxes, anything that fits your theme or design.

Under bed storage is marvelous and I recommend investing in a storage unit that has wheels (there are numerous types available). This makes it easier to get the unit in and out from under the bed. This additional storage is great for bulky things like extra pillows, blankets, or even the Carnival costume you aren't able to part with quite yet!

Those are a few easy ideas to think about when creating a Designer Bedroom, and to ensure it will stay looking like a Designer Bedroom.



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

**With our busy lifestyles, we often forget to take time to enjoy our space with our families. This month's issue is suited to everyone, as we empower you with the knowledge to use creative solutions, trade secrets, design and décor tips to create a liveable and functional space that the whole family can enjoy.**

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