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store & order

Transform your sleeping zone into a vision of organisation with the best bedroom cabinetry.

A clutter-free and streamlined boudoir with everything neatly in its place is an ideal we all aspire to, further emphasised every time we return from a trip to an incredible five-star hotel that's a shining example of style and top planning. Today's latest storage solutions include multi-part wardrobes with tailored compartments for shoes, jewellery and cosmetics, plus discreet and hidden sections to keep any of last season's items away from view. What's more, making order out of chaos is easier than before, as there's now a huge range of freestanding and fitted options on offer. Choose from walk-in closets with various rails, racks and shelves to spacious ottomans, glam drawer units and chests to ensure good looks and practicality.





above Stash away out of season items such as winter linens, blankets and jumpers in a store bed to leave extra room for all those lovely floaty fabric summer wares. Super-comfy when catching some shut-eye, Bonaldo's lift-up Open Penny in a rich Plum hue, is priced from £1625, at Design Link International. **Tel: 01908 237222. www.bonaldo.it**

below Giving optimum flexibility for altering a mood, look and layout of any scheme, the Travel Collection is perfectly suited to modern living; for work, rest and play. In laminate with castors, the bed costs £857, the wardrobe, £1958, and a desk, £1713, at Ligne Roset. **Tel: 0870 777 7202. www.ligne-roset.co.uk**

right Achieve the appeal of a refined, five-star retreat with a super-sized bed-cum-storage station at the centre of attention. A slick example, the Screen Pony is shown with sidetables, £400 each, plus a lacquer Domino chest, £525. Offered in an array of colours and materials, it costs around £1250, at Go Modern. **Tel: 020 7349 7209. www.gomodern.co.uk**

below right This minimalist city retreat is kept blissfully pared-down and fuss-free thanks to a cavity under the mattress of the Hide-Away bed. Crafted from solid wood with a fabric, leather or suede finish, a double is priced around £3800, at Molteni. **Tel: 020 7631 2345. www.molteni.it**

bed benefits

Convenience is a key factor too, so recognise that some items will need to be more readily available than others. While frequently used pieces are located in bedside cabinets, chest of drawers and easy-access wardrobes, why not consider stashing out-of-season accessories in a lift-up bed? They are great for stowing winter blankets and extra pillows until required. In-frame cavities will also help to maintain a spick 'n' span appeal.

Cunning castors and simple shapes will make it easy to move your new furniture into place, and allow you to keep adapting the bedroom to your changing needs. Measure your space and get to know every inch of it well, and your retreat will always work hard for you whilst looking fabulous.

So, gone are the days when shopping was a laborious task, as the latest storage solutions make creating a sanctuary of ordered tranquillity a most enjoyable experience. Once your purchases are in place and you exercise a little discipline, it will be clutter-free for good, so you'll never look back! ■

