

Maximizing Space and Comfort: Top Things to Know When Purchasing a Murphy Bed

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In a time where urban living demands innovative solutions for space constraints, the [Murphy bed](#) has emerged as a versatile and efficient solution. Also known as a wall bed or fold-down bed, a Murphy bed can seamlessly transform a room from a living area to a cozy bedroom, all while preserving precious floor space. If you're considering purchasing this kind of bed, here's a [few things to keep in mind](#) to make the most of your investment.

Space Assessment is Key

Before you dive into the world of Murphy beds, take a thorough [assessment of the available space](#). Consider the dimensions of the room, ceiling height, and any obstacles like doors, windows, or light fixtures. A well-planned Murphy bed should fit seamlessly into the room's layout, providing both comfort and convenience.

Quality and Customization Matter

[Choosing a Murphy bed](#) is an investment in your comfort and the longevity of the furniture piece. Look for beds made from sturdy materials, like high-quality wood or metal. The mechanisms responsible for folding and unfolding the bed should be reliable and smooth, ensuring easy operation for years to come. Not only should the bed be of quality workmanship, there's a multitude of styles, finishes, and configurations. Choose a design that complements your existing

décor and personal taste. The Closet Works offers customization options, allowing you to pick everything from the color and finish to additional features like built-in storage, shelving or even a desk!



Mattress Selection

The type of [mattress you choose](#) will significantly impact your comfort when using the Murphy bed. Opt for a mattress that suits your sleeping preferences and provides adequate support. Spring mattresses aren't preferred, as the components can settle over time when stored in the vertical position. Foam mattresses are much better for the long term. And be sure to pay attention to the mattress thickness that is required for the cabinet. You don't want to spend hundreds of dollars on a mattress only to find out that your bed won't close!

Professional Installation

While some Murphy beds are available as DIY kits, [professional](#)

[installation](#) is often recommended, especially if you're not experienced with carpentry and mechanical work. Our design/installation team can ensure that the bed is properly anchored to the wall, guaranteeing your safety and the bed's stability. We'll help you consider wall structure, aesthetics of the room and how it will look when folded.



Safety Features

[Safety is paramount](#), especially when dealing with folding furniture. Look for Murphy beds that include safety features such as guards around the mechanism to protect fingers, hair and lines, as well as mechanisms that counterbalance the weight to make folding and unfolding effortless.

If your space requires a unique sleeping solution, a Murphy bed can be a game-changer for comfort and efficiency. By carefully assessing, selecting a high-quality bed, and considering customization options, you can make a well-informed purchase that enhances your home. Remember to prioritize safety, choose the right mattress, and explore additional features that align with your needs. With these considerations in mind, you'll be well on your way to enjoying the benefits of a versatile and functional Murphy bed.

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