

Guest Room Décor Ideas That Will Prove Your Prowess as Hostess



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The guests are coming...the guests are coming! You know the drill. Pull out your crispest bed linens, fluff the pillows, write out the Wi-Fi password...and then what? While hosting is fun and a great way to spend extra time with friends and family during their stay, it can also be a little stressful. Your hostess skills will have to stand up to the test. So, what does it take to create an amazing guest room that'll have visitors raving? The secret? It's all in the details. We tapped some design experts to get their tips and tricks on

making your guest room an unforgettable experience. Guest room décor ideas range from personalized art to fresh plants and lots of pillows, to the practical things like storage and travel soaps. With these suggestions, you'll never wonder how to decorate a guest room ever again. And, dare we say, you can definitely give Airbnb a run for their money.



Plants

"Fresh flowers or plants provide a mood-lifting space," says Mel Bean of Oklahoma-based Mel Bean Interiors. You can't fail to delight with a little greenery. Use a plant or flower you know your guests love, or that complement the color and texture of the room.



Artwork

"Have fun. Personalize the space for guests," Bean continues. "Add photos or artwork that will remind them of past visits or times together." If you find yourself hosting often, it may not be practical to put up personalized photos, but they do make great gifts! As for the room décor, opt for something that showcases your personality or a beloved local spot in town.



Designated Sitting Area

Guests staying for a while? They may want some alone time. "Create a sitting area where guests can read a book or relax," shares Mary Patton of Houston-based Mary Patton Design. Though it's great to spend time together, eventually, everyone may want a few moments to relax and drift off to decompress, and giving your guests a designated space (instead of just the bed) is a thoughtful touch.



Great Linens and Pillows

No traveler can enjoy the sites if they haven't got a good night's sleep! "Outfit the space with comfortable and colorful linens," Patton adds. "Offer a selection of pillows with various degrees of firmness."



The Forgotten Necessities

Lance Thomas of Louisiana-based [Thomas Guy Interiors](#) lists must-haves as, "a small hamper, extra throw blankets, a mirror, and an alarm clock." It's always the little things that are often forgotten, but when remembered can take a stay over the top.



Personal Touches

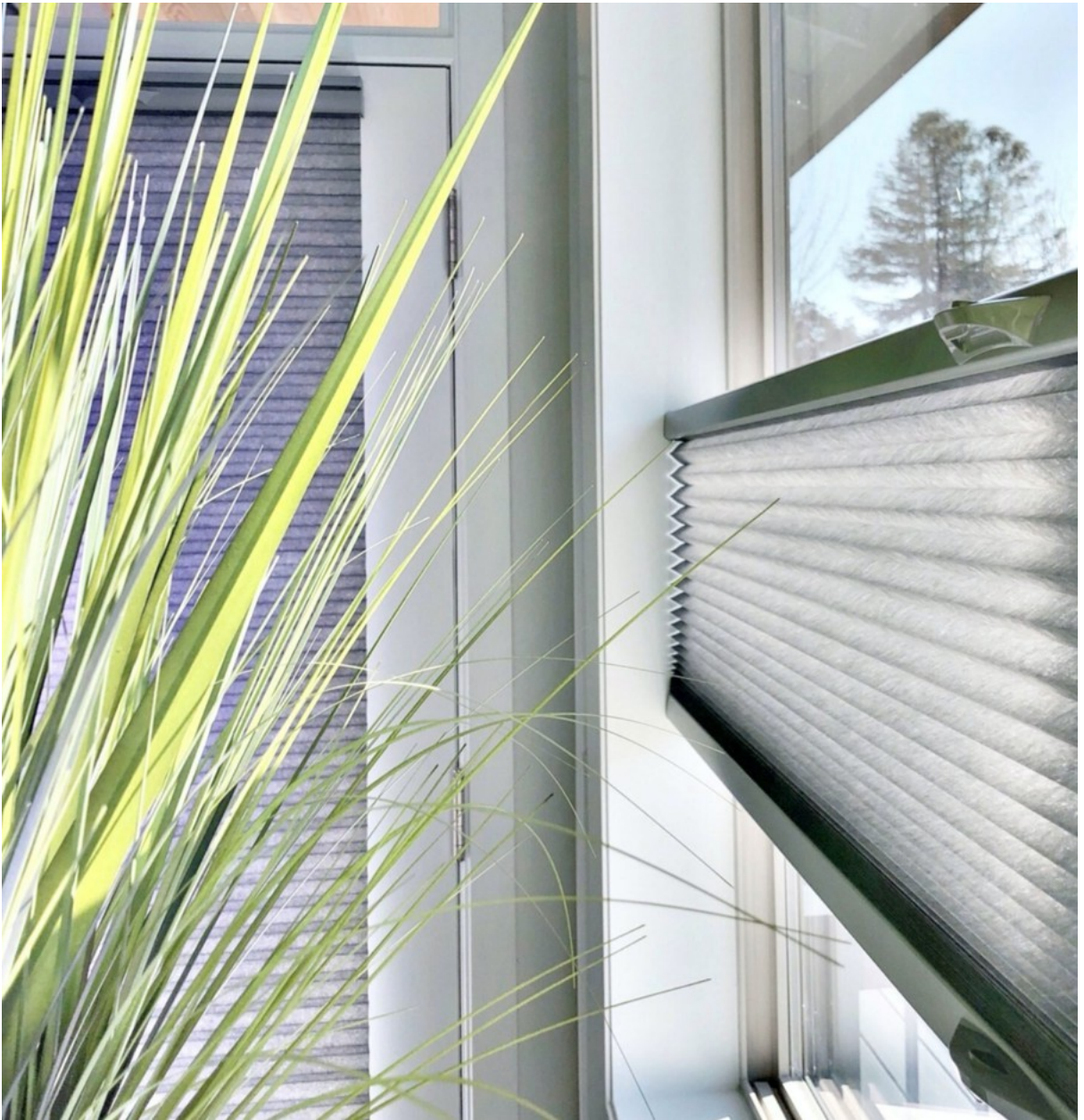
Hosting is also an opportunity to let your own style have a moment. Brittany Farinas of South Florida-based [House of One Interior Design](#) shares, "I recommend leaving reading materials, such as favorite books or a local magazine in a guest room. Also, providing a tray or catchall for personal items is a nice touch."



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Storage

Don't leave guests wondering where to leave their suitcases. Designers at [BlueGrape Staging](#) say must-haves include, "Comfortable pillows, side tables with storage, and a luggage rack."



Window Treatments

Window treatments might be an afterthought, but they're no less important. Design Consultant James Brewer at [Stoneside Blinds and Shades](#) says, "Choose the right window treatments in a guest room to allow for a good night's sleep. I love incorporating motorization into window shades as it gives guests the ability to adjust the shades based on the many changes of light throughout the day."



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Bathroom Touches

The designers at Dallas-based NOMI custom bathroom designs say, "Don't forget to leave personalized touches in the guest bath. Shop locally-made soaps, candles, and fresh flowers so guests can further experience what your location has to offer."