

Guest Bedroom Checklist

Furnishing a boutique hotel guest bedroom, step by step

Start with the bed

1 Choose the headboard first

Pick a headboard with real presence before selecting any other piece in the room.

2 Layer the bedding

Combine a tailored duvet, a folded throw and a small cluster of varied pillows.

3 Match the nightstands to the bed

Choose a bed and nightstand pairing from the same collection rather than mixing unrelated pieces.

Layer the lighting

1 Add a light on each side of the bed

Two nightstand lamps do more for the feel of the room than one ceiling fixture.

2 Include a soft ambient source

A wall wash or a dimmed overhead light keeps the room from feeling clinical.

3 Add one accent light on a dresser or console

A small third light source completes the layered effect.

Cover what a guest actually needs

1 Leave a clear space for a suitcase

A bench or an open patch of floor works just as well as a dedicated luggage rack.

2 Keep surfaces close to empty

One tray, one small plant and one framed print reads as considered rather than crowded.

3 Ask about fabric and lighting compatibility

Confirm care instructions and dimmer compatibility for the exact pieces you choose.

Furnish for the bed, the light and the suitcase first.

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