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Bring a new sense of drama to your boudoir with a distinctive bed

With so many options available, why not choose a classic boudoir to take some style? If you have a large bedroom then a four poster is well worth considering. These feature a head, a footboard, two side rails which form a canopy and can be drawn to keep out the draughts. Another option is a tall headboard boudoir. This type had become popular in the 19th century

as a less extravagant alternative to the four poster, but one that was not entirely without romance. You can choose between oak, mahogany or brass colours depending on the look you wish to achieve.

Another classic choice is the French or sleigh bed. The ends of the base curve up and gently curve from the mattress. The former has a head and footboard of the same height while the latter is shorter in the sleep.

If you're short on space in a guest room, a day bed which doubles as a sofa may be the solution. Some of the prettier items available are those with the French style. Look out for colours with a handle – a slightly smaller second bed on wheels which is stored conveniently beneath the cover and can be rolled out to create a double sized bed.

Material Matters

The best designs were usually made of wood, while brass and cast iron became more popular in Victorian times as they were considered to be more hygienic. If a feeling of space is important, a cast iron or brass design may help the room seem more airy. A fabric design is more feminine, or you might choose a dark, gothic or iron design. "Our beds are welded together, so there are no joints to touch bugs," explains Amanda Clifford of the

Wrought Iron & Brass Bed Co. "The coating is applied at a very high temperature, which gives the beds their depth of colour. It also means that they are very difficult to damage."

If you spend time sitting up in bed reading, then an upholstered frame might be your first choice. In many cases, you can take your pick from a selection of head, a tail or no tail designs, even see one you've found online.

One Off

If you have a narrow staircase or an Victorian-style room, it's worth knowing that some companies are able to tailor your choice to your requirements. Customising an iron or brass bed frame is another option if you're looking for something unique, though the commissioning process is more expensive and slow. There are also companies which specialise in the sale of antique beds and the restoration of vintage finds.

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