



THE TOP 10 DAYBEDS

Designers Megan Winters and Antonino Buzzetta go to great lengths to survey the merits of these multifunctional and ever-stylish pieces

Of course, nobody *needs* a daybed, the hybrid of a sofa and a bed that suggests time to spare and abundant square footage—and therein lies its appeal. “It’s the perfect way to add sophistication to any space, in a bedroom, in front of a fireplace, even in a foyer,” says Megan Winters, an interior designer in Chicago. “And they don’t have to be huge to have an impact. To me, there’s always something French about a daybed, and I like things that are French.”

Not that daybeds can’t be practical, too. They make a dramatic impression in a living room and, when placed on the diagonal, can break up the conventional geometry of a sofa and two chairs. They’re also ideal as room dividers: “A daybed has a low profile, so it won’t block the view,” says Manhattan-based designer Antonino Buzzetta. “You can use one to set off a dining area from a living room space, for instance, and still preserve the flow.” ▶

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THE EXPERTS

MEGAN WINTERS

Vivid color and a dynamic mix of classic French and contemporary furnishings are signatures of the Chicago-based designer, who opened her firm in 2009. She has designed homes in Illinois, Florida, and Colorado. meganwinters.com

ANTONINO BUZZETTA

The New York designer’s interiors are rooted in tradition but have a glamorous touch, with bold juxtapositions of color, scale, and pattern. Up next: a line of furniture. antoninobuzzetta.com



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AB: I love the midcentury vibe of this, and the mix of black walnut, steel, and linen. It almost looks like a piece of art. If you examine it closely, you can see that the base is not just a flat piece of wood; it has a nice beveled edge.

MW: Under the cushion are tongue-in-groove slats, and the cushion fits within a little niche so it doesn't slide. It's beautifully thought-out.

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