



"Store items that you don't need to reach daily under the bed. Out-of-season clothes and extra linens are good options."

—AMY TRAGER,
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER

Label underbed bins so you can quickly access items that you need.

GOAL

USE THE SPACE UNDER YOUR BED

Reclaim otherwise wasted space in your bedrooms and discover more room to store shoes, clothes, toys, and more.

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GROUP ITEMS in matching bins under a kid's bed. In the bedroom, *opposite*, a collection of blue bins becomes part of the decor. Professional organizer Lisa Luken suggests using this spot for stuffed animals your child doesn't play with every day but isn't quite ready to get rid of yet.

MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE by adding wheels to an underbed storage drawer, *below*, or purchasing a container with wheels. Take steps to protect floors as you slide containers without wheels in and out. "If they will be on hardwood floors, put felt pads on the bottom in the corners and middle," Luken says.

DON'T FORGET about spare bedrooms that serve other functions. If you have a bed in the same room as a home office or crafts room, Luken suggests stashing filed paperwork or extra crafting supplies under it. Consider adding risers under bed legs to create space for larger storage bins.



ANOTHER
GREAT
IDEA

For easy-to-see, versatile underbed storage, Lisa Luken recommends the 60-quart ClearView Latch Wheeled Underbed Box (around \$15).

Use it to keep stacks of sweaters dust-free or gift-wrapping supplies handy. With a clear lid and base and built-in wheels, this type of container is convenient to access when you need it.

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