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## A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



With the holidays fast approaching, many of us will be welcoming family and friends into our homes for weekend visits or extended stays. Either way it's important to provide guests with an inviting space that will make them feel welcomed and at home. Adding a few creature comforts is all it takes to give any spare room a little boost for holiday guests.

### MAKING ROOM

If you don't have a designated guest bedroom consider having family members share a room, freeing up their room for the guests. Choose one of the larger rooms and one that's separate from the family's bedrooms to give you and your guests as much privacy as possible.

Assign a bathroom that's closest to your guests' room if it doesn't have an ensuite. This will help avoid the disruption of your family's routine and give your guests privacy during their stay.

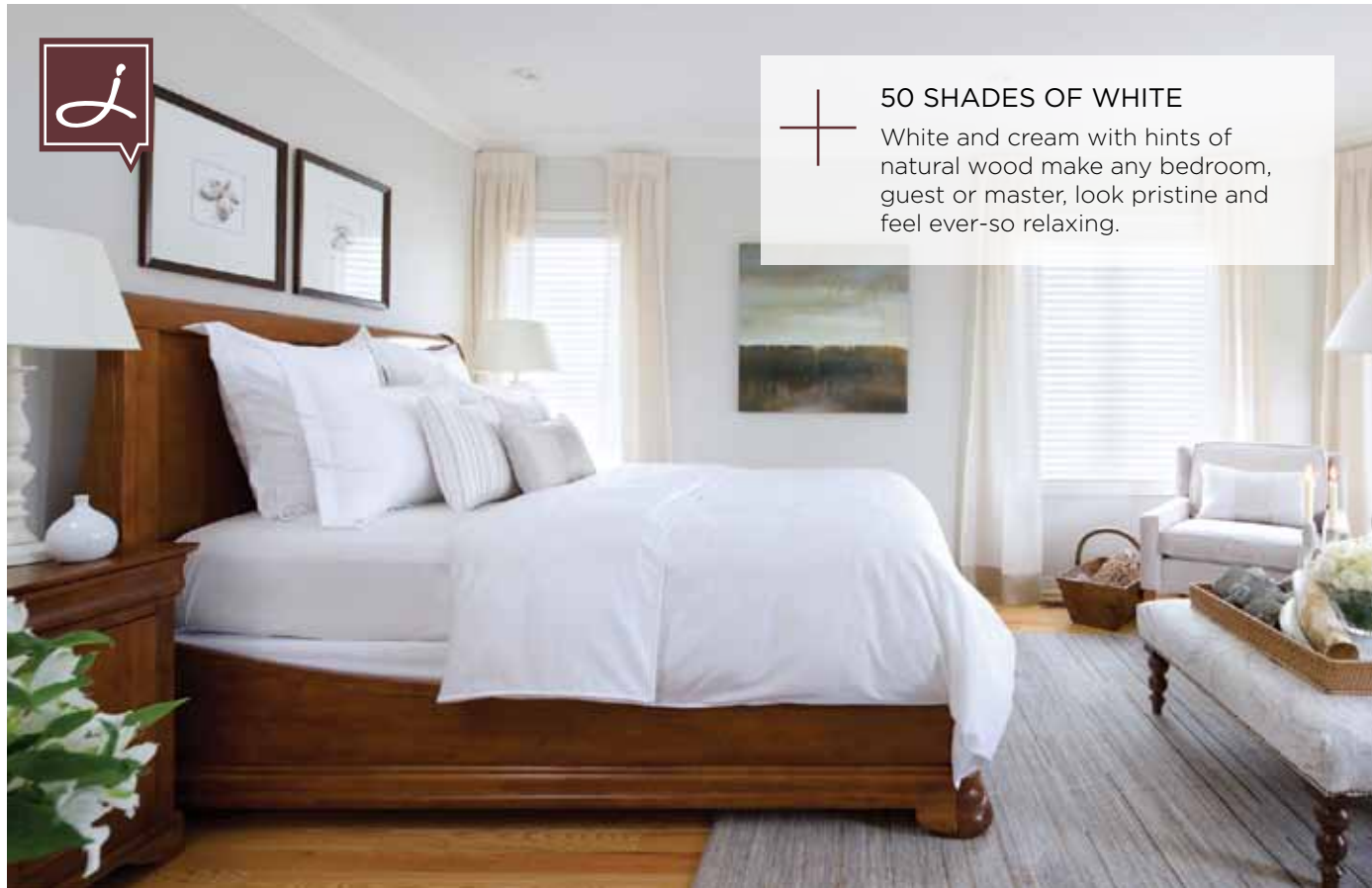
Window coverings, whether blinds or curtains, should sufficiently block out the morning light. This will be especially appreciated the morning after an evening of celebrating!



### WARM AND INVITING

Neutral, subtle and warm, this butterscotch and chocolate colour scheme is a welcome relief for male guests and those who prefer a less fussy décor.





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 White and cream with hints of natural wood make any bedroom, guest or master, look pristine and feel ever-so relaxing.

**SETTLING IN**  
 Install decorative hooks to the guest room wall or on the back of doors for guests to hang their wet towels, housecoats, handbags and knapsacks.

Add a chest of drawers in the room and leave at least two drawers empty for guests who are staying for more than a few days. If you're short on space consider tucking a small one into the closet. Provide good quality dress, shirt, pant and suit hangers in the closet as well. It'll make your guests feel more at home and welcomed if they don't have to live out of their suitcase. It's these small conveniences that we often forget about that will be greatly appreciated.

Nightstands or small bedside tables with reading lamps are a must on either side of the bed. Drawers can be used for your guest's personal items and can be stocked with local maps, brochures for special events in the area, sundries and toiletries.

Include a pretty trash and laundry basket for convenience. Line them with plastic bags so they can be easily removed. Consider decorative folding cloth bins that co-ordinate with the room's décor and can be stored easily when not in use.



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## COLOUR ENERGY

Neutrals accented with sky blue and vibrant orange will energize guests who get treated to this guest room. Candles, overhead fixture and table lamps offer practical and pretty lighting options.



## LUXURY COMFORTS

Dress the bed in beautiful linens and blankets and offer an assortment of pillows including feather and synthetic styles. To make the room as comfortable as possible ask your guests before their arrival what type of pillow they prefer and most importantly if they have allergies to down or feather pillows and duvets.

Provide a stack of fresh towels, a fragrant bar of soap, body cream, shampoo and bottled water and present it in a beautiful container or basket wrapped up in a festive bow. Include a greeting card welcoming your guests to their cozy holiday retreat.

Sit a small TV or radio on the dresser so your guests can catch their favorite programs in the privacy of their own room. Add a little note with tips on how to set the alarm or turn on the TV and radio to help make their stay hassle-free.

A comfy chair with nearby lamp is essential for dressing and reading. Fill a basket or shelf with popular magazines and books your visitors may like to read before bedtime.

Last but not least, no room is complete without a fresh floral arrangement to brighten the space. Scented seasonal boughs will add a festive flair and remind your guests how welcome they are to share in your family's holiday celebrations. **HL**

