



Gracious Accommodations Your Houseguests Will Love

At some point during the holidays, most of us will host an overnight guest or two. Even if your accommodations consist of an inflatable mattress or sofa bed, you can make your guests feel especially welcome by borrowing thoughtful touches from inns, B&Bs and hotels.



1. **Keep things relaxed.** Create a calm atmosphere by keeping clutter to a minimum, and not getting too fussy with the details. Nice bedding, a couple pieces of wall decor, and a few interesting accessories are all you need to create a welcoming, soothing retreat.
2. **Make comfort a priority.** Layer the bed with a lightweight blanket, a plump quilt or comforter, smooth sheets, and cozy throw so your guests can pile them on or peel them off as needed. Provide both soft and firm pillows so guests can use the ones that suit them best.
3. **Anticipate your guests' needs.** Most guests don't like to bother their hosts for simple things, so provide conveniences like a bedside pitcher of water, a clock radio, reading materials, towels, or basic toiletries. If the room tends to get a lot of light in the morning, consider adding blackout shades so guests won't be awakened by the sun.
4. **Add a personal touch.** Leave something unexpected in the room to let your guests know they're special. A note on the nightstand or pillow, a vase full of fresh flowers in the room, or a favorite bedtime snack are personal touches they'll remember.
5. **Provide privacy.** This is particularly important if your guests will be staying in a room without a door. Anything you can do to make their sleeping area more private will be appreciated. Try re-arranging the furniture or using a screen to create a feeling of seclusion from surrounding activities.

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