

dream away

Treat guests to a home away from home with these sleepover ideas – but beware, they may not want to leave

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Sleep out

What better place to dream than on the veranda? A day bed doubles as the perfect visitors' bed. Plump it up with comfy cushions and pretty linen and put a coat rack in the corner for any added extras that you want to keep off the floor.

French wrought-iron **day bed** and **mattress**, \$2500, bent wood hat & coat **rack**, \$495, both Sydney Antique Centre. Round **mosquito net**, \$198, Ozzie Mozzie Nets. Gingham **sheet set** in pink, single \$195, Country Garden **quilt cover**, \$139.50, both Laura Ashley. **Suitcase**, \$300, Major & Tom. Bisserup **runner** in pink, \$99, IKEA. Smocked **night gown**, Country Road. **Scarf**, stylist's own.

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twilight zone

You don't have to be in the tropics to enjoy a night under the stars. Take advantage of summer and treat guests to a night of alfresco sleeping. Line up sun loungers and dress them with your best sheets. Add a light touch with a lantern, pop up an umbrella to keep dew at bay, and voila!

St Tropez sun loungers, \$895 each, lounge cushions, \$225 each, Classic umbrella, \$1150, all Cotswold Furniture. Juxton Street fitted sheet, single \$99, quilt cover, single \$198, pillowcase, \$77/two, all Moss River. Stelfon storm light, \$915, FY2K, Iittala tumbler, \$15, Orson & Blake. Linen dress, Country Road.

TOP TIPS TO MAKE GUESTS AT HOME

- Put all your small change in a jar for them. Foreign guests will be grateful for local currency to buy those little necessities.
- Place a few up-to-the-minute magazines by guests' bedside for a bit of nocturnal reading.
- A train timetable and a map of the area are invaluable for country cousins and locals too.
- Ease their minds by leaving a list of important phone numbers in case of an emergency.
- Cut a spare set of keys to give guests freedom.

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