



Top Bunks

In the hands of savvy designers, bunk rooms provide high-occupancy sleeping quarters and space-saving features in even the most high-style of homes.

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On the list of favorite rooms—chef's kitchens, luxed-out lounges and dreamy master suites—guest rooms have never ranked particularly high (if at all). But that's changing, thanks to, of all things, modern-day bunk beds. In homes of all kinds, designers are creating chic, high-occupancy sleeping quarters using custom bunk beds in very innovative, space-saving and head-turning ways. For proof, we present the following bunk rooms designed by talented Utah pros for kids and adults alike.

1 Designer Matt Dickamore of Denton House Design Studio stylishly stacked two twin beds above two queen-sized beds to expand the sleeping space in this modern mountain home in Big Sky, Montana. Dickamore provided each bunk with bedside lighting and designed flip-down railings to help ease the bed-making chore. A base of drawers below the queen beds provides plenty of storage.

2 In the bunk room of a Deer Valley Montage residence, the owners' passion for contemporary and post-war art inspired designer Beth Ann Shepherd. She began with a multi-colored, flocked-velvet striped pillow fabric, which led to a Tiffany blue wall, chartreuse patterned light fixtures and chocolate-toned handmade rugs from New Zealand. Designed with shapely ladders, two queen and two full-size bunks run the length of the expansive bedroom.

3 In Deer Valley, designer Jennifer Chipman with Alder & Tweed Home Outfitters created a client's modern bunk room with a sophisticated "grown-up" style. She positioned two top twin bunks across two lower queen beds, each positioned into the room on a platform. The open design features a center staircase and built-in nightstands. Dark woods contrast with a light backdrop and colorful pillows to create compelling contrast.



4 In a house located in Park City's Old Town area, designer Sheri Russell of In Studio Design painted a wall orange to create an eye-catching backdrop for white stacked bunks. Floor-level drawers and built-in shelves located within each bunk cubby provide abundant storage space. A center wall of black-and-white photos adds extra style to the room and rolling ladders enable easy access to the bunks.

5 Drawers beneath lower full-sized bunks provide ample storage for a Montage residence boys' bunk room in Deer Valley. A custom console hosts a game center between the lower bunks. To create the mountain feel her client desired, designer Jennifer Chipman combined a rich gray-painted wood finish, faux wood-panel wallpaper from Cole and Son, and cushy leather seating.

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6 The bunk room in a St. George home by architect Rob McQuay, builder Markay Johnson, and designers Ashley Johnson and Gregory Abbott provides plenty of sleeping space for visiting friends and family. Two levels of end-to-end mattresses serve as long pillow-backed sectionals as well as beds. A bright red wall, spring-green bedding and an assortment of decorative pillows give the room a color-punched, playful style that flows freely to a covered patio.



7 The bunk room of a Yellowstone Club home in Montana is outfitted with a full-size bed built above a California king. Tongue-and-groove paneling and a palette of white fosters the space's clean, modern vibe. Built-in bookshelves and wall-mounted lighting add convenience and character. Design by Jill Corona and McKenzie Dickson of Denton House Design Studio.

8 Located above Park City's Main Street in a Parkite high-rise condo, this bunk room boasts a nontraditional layout that accommodates adults and children. Designer Morgan Veenendaal with Alder & Tweed horizontally positioned an upper platform with two twin bunks above two full beds set upon 12-inch platforms. A 12-inch horizontal white planking forms a floor-to-ceiling headboard for the engaging black-and-white décor. "The white makes it so light and bright, and the black adds the punch," Veenendaal says.

9 In Park City, a stunning bunk area is an extension of a Silver Star town home's screening room. Designer Beth Ann Shepherd of Dressed Design created hidden storage inside the stairs separating the stacked twin and queen bunks. Highly textured pillows, a Chanel-like quilted lounge chair, fur rugs and knit ottomans infuse the space with comfort and sophisticated style. ■

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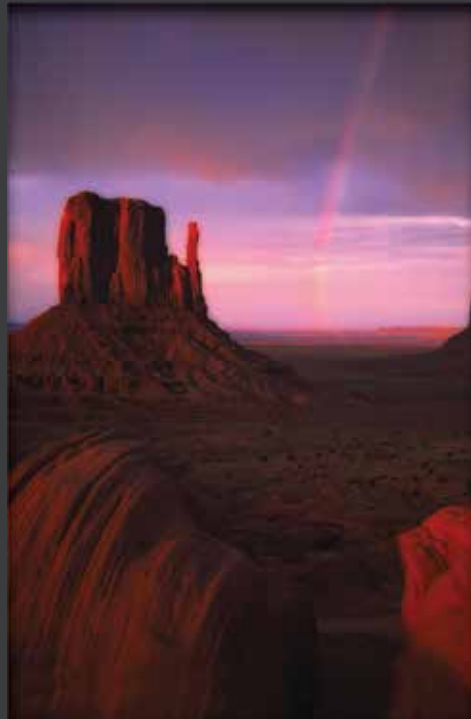


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