

How to give a guest room desirable luxury

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Designer Nate Berkus knows a thing or two about hotels.

He spends his life traveling for inspiration and for the past two years has been working on a collection of home goods culled from his trips.

His 150-piece collection with Target this fall embraces those inspirations with pieces that are designed to transform a guest room into a five-star hotel experience at an affordable price.

"The line is designed to layer in with the pieces you already have," Berkus says. "So if you have a great quilt or a fantastic blanket or throw pillows that are sitting on your living room sofa, move that

stuff around.

And I love the idea of incorporating a new duvet or new shams or a new set of sheets, and creating something really fresh and special, just by mixing things with what you already have."

Smart surfaces

Berkus looks at every surface in a guest room as an opportunity to add functionality and beauty.

"The nightstands in the guest bedroom are important," he says. "I always have a bowl or a tray for people's wallet and jewelry and cell phone on the night stand, a great drinking glass, a beautiful lamp so people can read when they stay with me."



Guest rooms are all about making visitors feel comfortable, including soft, high threadcount sheets, comfy pillows and blankets and a lamp for reading.
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Drapes and linens

When guests are coming, it's best to start with the sheets. A scratchy sleeping surface won't make a good impression. "High-thread-count sheets that are really soft with comfy, cushy pillows and blankets will make a guest feel so welcome,"

says Kristina Eckert of cke interior design in Nashville.

As for windows, blinds are fine for blocking sun, but drapes provide more control over the space. "Not only do they add warmth, but they allow your guest to control the amount of light and privacy they want," Eckert says.