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Need bedside tables?

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BEDSIDE TABLES – NIGHTSTANDS

Why? Because bedside tables used to be built into the headboard.

These days, you mostly just buy the bed.

But every single person needs a surface to put a nightlamp / book / water

We've been using alternatives for years. On Hein's side is a small bookshelf. On my side a dining room chair.

This issue is about alternatives to use as bedside tables ... and you will be amazed!

AND HOPEFULLY INSPIRED!!!

Some of these ideas are so easy – you'll have a bedside table in minutes!!!

Crates and cubes ...



Stack two crates on top of each other. Or for a sturdier version, nail them together.

Photo:
<https://ideastand.com/diy-side-table-ideas-with-lots-of-tutorials/>

Mount cubes creatively on the wall.

Photo:
<https://www.shelterness.com/bedside-table-alternatives/>

Screw wheels onto a crate.

Photo:
<https://livanator.com/20-creative-ideas-for-original-diy-nightstands/>

Paint a crate, screw on some legs.

Photo:
<https://diybooster.com/repurposed-bedside-tables/>

Crates ...



Just stack 2 crates on top of each other (or nail them together). Inside can be painted or fabric glued on.

Photo:
<https://www.thedomesticcurator.com/2014/01/creative-nightstands.html>



Screw pretty legs onto a varnished crate.

Photo:
<https://www.homedit.com/diy-nightstand-projects/>



Wipe down a crate – or paint and varnish.

Photo:
<https://www.realtor.com/advice/home-improvement/surprising-side-table-ideas/>



Use the back of these varnished crates stacked (nailed) on top of each other.

Photo:
<http://www.architectureartdesigns.com/20-adorable-diy-nightstands/>

Chairs of all kinds...



*Wooden bar stool
has a new purpose.*

Photo:
<https://morningchores.com/diy-nightstand/>

*You only need 1 of
these lovely dining
room chairs.*

Photo:
<https://stylecaster.com/bedside-table-ideas/>

*Worn out paint on
chair? Adds to the
charm.*

Photo:
<http://diana212m.blogspot.com/2014/01/chair-nightstand-thumbs-up-on-down.html>

*Even a fold-up chair
can be used.*

Photo:
<http://www.we-are-scout.com/2017/08/creative-bedside-table-nightstand-ideas.html/nightstand-alternatives-chair2>

Chairs of all kinds...



Upholstered chair? Yes, thank you.

Photo:
<https://www.houzz.com/magazine/10-nightstand-alternatives-you-may-already-have-at-home-stsetivw-vs~78364237>



Plastic patio chair? Paint in a bright color.

Photo:
<https://witanddelight.com/2017/12/7-unconventional-nightstand-ideas-anything-but-snooze/>



A ceiling chair just the thing for this bedroom.

Photo:
<https://www.teenvogue.com/gallery/how-to-decorate-bedroom-with-chairs-as-nightstands>



Gilded and velvet armchair? Absolutely!

Photo:
<https://www.teenvogue.com/gallery/how-to-decorate-bedroom-with-chairs-as-nightstands>

Drawer ...



A bit tricky, but how awesome is this mounted drawer!

Photo:
<https://happilyeverafteretc.com/11-non-traditional-bedside-tables/>



Even an open drawer works really well.

Photo:
<https://homesthetics.net/21-super-small-nightstands-ready-to-fit-in-petite-bedrooms/>



Nightstand within SECONDS! Absolutely awesome!

Photo:
<http://www.architectureartdesigns.com/20-adorable-diy-nightstands/>



Line the inside of a drawer with paper (or paint) and mount onto the wall. Love the gilded handle.

Photo:
<https://www.ariyonainterior.com/bedside-table-ideas/>

Suitcases and trunks ...



Paint an old suitcase and metal trunk.

Photo:

<https://www.houzz.com/magazine/10-nightstand-alternatives-you-may-already-have-at-home-stsetivw-vs~78364237>



Paint a piano bench, top with painted suitcase and you'll be envied. (Or screw legs onto the suitcase.)

Photo:

<http://www.architectureartdesigns.com/20-adorable-diy-nightstands/>



Stacked suitcases, topped with photo frame. Or just a trunk.

Photo:

<https://diybooster.com/repurposed-bedside-tables/>
<https://livinator.com/20-creative-ideas-for-original-diy-nightstands/>



Use suitcases (tin/painted) and mount onto the wall.

Photo:

<https://www.kirklands.com/product/Art-Wall-Decor/Wall-Organization/Shelves/Wide-Suitcase-Wall-Shelf-Set-of-2/pc/2283/c/3055/sc/2632/256505.uts>

Ladders ...



A small ladder with an added top, painted in a bright color.

Photo:
<https://www.mom4real.com/yellow-ladder-table/>



Use that old worn-out stepladder.

Photo:
<https://diybooster.com/reposed-bedside-tables/>



Nail a few planks onto the old ladder.

Photo:
<https://www.twelveonmain.com/diy-ladder-nightstand/>



Old ladder – add a drawer.

Photo:
<https://www.bobvila.com/show/8-nightstands-you-don-t-need-to-buy-48208>

China, shelf and wicker baskets ...



*Lovely china platter?
Mounted on the wall
with china plates as
added décor.*

Photo:
<https://justdecorate.wordpress.com/2014/08/20/the-12-best-bedroom-nightstand-alternatives/>



*Pick the right
size of wood
and mount on
the wall.*

Photo:
<https://www.ariyona.com/bedside-table-ideas/>



*Nail a wicker basket to
wall for bedside
comfort.*

Photo:
<https://www.shelterness.com/bedside-table-alternatives/>



*Wicker basket on
the wall.*

Photo:
<https://blog.jennasuedesign.com/2014/08/master-makeover-reveal.html/>

Ornate shelves, birdcage and Perspex...



Ornate floating shelf as your nightstand. (If you search for ornate shelves, there are so many different pretty ones!)

Photo:

<https://www.houzz.com/magazine/10-nightstand-alternatives-you-may-already-have-at-home-stsetivw-vs~78364237>



A lovely metal ornate shelf for this gilded bedroom.

Photo:

<https://www.shelterness.com/tiny-nightstands-small-bedrooms/>



Tired old birdcage? Paint it, add a light and drape with fabric (or leave as is).

Photo:

<https://livanator.com/20-creative-ideas-for-original-diy-nightstands/>



Kids will love these Perspex boxes mounted on their wall.

Photo:

<https://www.hgtv.com/design/design-blog/design/9-nightstand-ideas-for-tiny-bedrooms>

Fireplace, drum, baskets and bins ...



*Not quite sure if I'll
light this little stove ..
But it fits the rustic
look.*

Photo:
<https://www.thedomesticcurator.com/2014/01/creative-nightstands.html>



*If the drum is just
gathering dust,
give it a whole new
purpose.*

Photo:
<https://stylecaster.com/be-dside-table-ideas/>



*Wire baskets with a
new lick of paint
turned upside-down.*

Photo:
<https://www.plowhearth.com/en/p/38723>



*An old tin can adds a
whimsy touch.*

Photo:
<http://www.architectureartdesigins.com/20-adorable-diy-nightstands/>

Stump, ladder and trays ...



Any wood stump treated, painted and placed next to the bed.

Photo:
<https://livinator.com/20-creative-ideas-for-original-diy-nightstands/>



Who said swings are just for the garden?

Photo:
<https://livinator.com/20-creative-ideas-for-original-diy-nightstands/>



Bore holes in metal trays and hang from ceiling.

Photo:
<https://happilyeverafteretc.com/11-non-traditional-bedside-tables/>

Hatbox, carton & ottomans...



Don't let empty hatboxes gather dust in the attic.

Photo:
<http://www.theinteriordiyer.com/2011/03/18/alternative-one-night-stand/>



Who said ottomans are only for the lounge?

Photo:
<https://blog.froy.com/top-10-alternatives-to-nightstands/>



Use a sturdy carton box or milk crate covered in fabric.

Photo:
<https://collectivegen.com/2018/05/diy-fabric-covered-milk-crate-stools/fabric-covered-milk-crate-stool-3/>



Wicker ottoman or basket just the thing.

Photo:
<https://www.houzz.com/magazine/10-nightstand-alternatives-you-may-already-have-at-home-stsetivw-vs~78364237>

Bookshelf, low shelf, toolbox & picture frame...



Decide what size bookshelf will fit next to the bed.

Photo:

<https://www.swatchpop.com/blog/9-unique-nightstand-alternatives>



A low shelf looks gorgeous and adds lots of storage space.

Photo:

<https://www.imaginationforbreakfast.com/post/105553542304>



Paint an old tool chest for the kid's room.

Photo:

<https://www.houzz.com/magazine/10-nightstand-alternatives-you-may-already-have-at-home-stsetivw-vs~78364237>



Add legs to a lovely picture frame. You can use pretty paper or photos behind the glass.

Photo:

<https://www.joann.com/on/demandware.static/Sites-JoAnn-Site/Sites-joann-project-catalog/-/images/hires/project/pdf/5331561P10.pdf>

TV tray, food trolley, half table & magazine holders...



An old TV dinner tray is painted and fits in lovely.

Photo:

<https://justdecorate.wordpress.com/2014/08/20/the-12-best-bedroom-nightstand-alternatives/>



Not using food or drinks trolley? Perfect in the bedroom.

Photo:

<https://www.onekingslane.com/live-love-home/bedside-table-alternatives/>



Cut a table in half and mount onto the wall. Or just mount a wide shelf on the wall and add legs.

Photo:

<https://knickoftime.net/2015/04/half-table-night-stand.html>



Glue sturdy magazine racks together and add legs.

Photo:

<https://www remodelormove.com/nightstand-ideas-perfect-for-a-small-bedroom/>

Books and magazines ...



Paint old hard cover books ... screw or glue them together.

Photo:

<http://www.designeverydayblog.com/diy-book-headboard/>



Perspex on the bottom and the top – sturdy books in-between.

Photo:

<https://www.decoist.com/2015-06-26/modern-nightstands-decorating/?firefox=1>



Stack sturdy books to fit into the space.

Photo:

<https://myamazingthings.com/stunning-diy-bedside-tables-that-are-easy-to-make/bfb-use-chunky-books-as-a-nightstand-xyx/>



Outdated magazines on a small table.

Photo:

<http://olgadolen.com/2017/01/how-to-style-a-nightstand.html>