

Iterations

HOTEL BEDS

1. An extra bed scrolling out from under the bed.

These will be placed in about half of the rooms, for the guests in requirement of an extra bed. These beds will provide convenience to the hotel, preventing them from strolling through corridors carrying huge mattresses to rooms. Also, its not feasible for hotels to keep many rooms with three beds as it would lead to more expense and vacancy in case of only 'couple'

guests.



2. Non-white bedding

Before the 1990s, hotels commonly had colored sheets because they were more manageable and easier to clean, as they could hide stains. Then, the Westin's hotel designers researched what a luxury bed meant to them and their guests.

After trial and error, they found that an all-white bed made guests think their hotel beds were more luxurious than colored sheets and, as a result, they slept better. Thus, Westin was the first to introduce and adopt this idea, and after this, it became a trend among all the hotels.

But why white bedding?

One, white bedding feels fresh and clean. They also give the impression of luxury—even if the hotel itself is rather inexpensive.

Counter: White linens have become a standard for hotels. But why not rather be different? Using not-white linens would not only make the room design stand out but also give the guests a homely feeling. Moreover, hotels with a reputation or a marked standard for luxury need not be worried about giving the “impression”. This liberty of color would also give us another element to play with. The linens could be according to the theme of the design or the atmosphere of the place. If the feeling of neatness and freshness is yet a concern, one might use plain or mild color linens or also even use white in combination with other colors.

Two, the all-white color theme often applies to towels and bathrobes, as well. This has a practical purpose: bed linens, towels, and any other dirty laundry can be washed together without any colors bleeding.

If this happens to be a concern, the bedding color could still be the monochrome, or identical across the rooms, retaining the ability to launder all the bed linens together. The linen color could also be coordinated with other linens to further ease the process of cleaning.

Three, although white is the easiest to get dirty it is also the easiest to clean: through bleach.

There are many substitutes to bleach, moreover, hotels could charge the guest in case of stained bedsheets.

3. A storage drawer under the bed for an assortment of pillows to be used by the guests.

Many of the hotels, especially the luxurious, like to offer the guests a choice of pillows, to select the one most suitable to them; with a range of shapes, quality and firmness; stuffed with a range of materials.

Instead of ordering the pillow type just by seeing the long, confusing menu given to them. What if the whole interesting bunch of pillows is available to the guest, right under the bed, just a pull away? The guest can try them out and see for themselves which one is meant for them.

Most of the hotels get their own custom supply of beddings and many also sell them. This would also be a great idea to intrigue the guests into buying the hotel bedding.

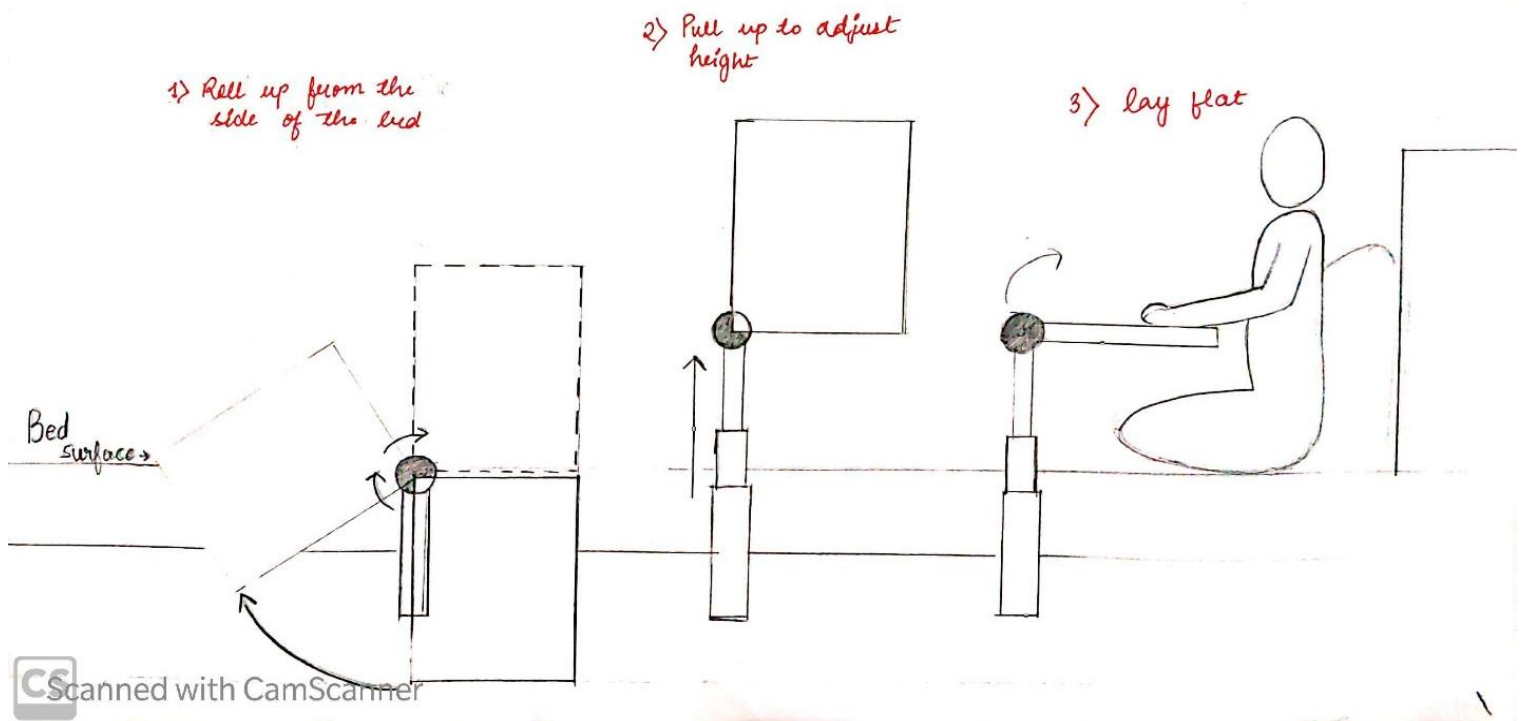
4. Bed with attached foldable tray/desk.

This is a multi-purpose desk which could be used for both: as a workspace or for enjoying breakfast at bed. Many of the hotels are now eliminating the traditional desks from the bedroom designs as it would help save space and cost in multiple ways. Desks are not seen to be as necessary, as many just prefer to work on bed. For them, this table could be a good substitute for the traditional ones.

However, there's still a dilemma regarding this concept. The older generation would rather prefer a proper desk. Many hotels thus do not agree with this idea and still consider the desk an important piece of furniture. For such hotels, this design could be just an additional feature.

This design is however most useful for hotels based on the concept of space optimization like the pod hotels.

ONE POSSIBLE MECHANISM OF THE DESK IS DESCRIBED BELOW:



5. Bed bench

Beds are often accessoried with various pieces of furniture and furnishing such as pillows, headboards, side tables, and bed end benches. Bed end benches create an extension to the bed that act as an extra space to rest on, lay out clothes, keeping objects, or other day to day activities, keeping the bed undisturbed. It provides both style and function, and can also be used for storage.

Beds in hotels are also often accompanied with benches to be used for sitting while wearing shoes or keeping their luggage.

Bed benches could be something more than just that.

hotel rooms, apart from the bed, also have to accommodate a workspace and a lounging area. Some hotels tend to compromise on these requirements to save space, minimise cost and maximise profits. This design of bed bench would be a good alternative of space consuming coffee tables and lounging chairs.

Following are a few variations of the design:

