






BED OPTIONS FOR MICRO LIVING : PROS AND CONS

PHOTO	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	PROS	CONS	ADDITIONAL INFO
	TRUNDLE/ROLL OUT BED	Trundle beds pull out horizontally from underneath platform.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Takes up no visual space• Does not subtract from the home's square footage• Easy to get in and out of bed• Accessible to the disabled/seniors• Easy to make bed• Accessible to pets when in use but inaccessible when tucked away• Plenty of head room• Dual-purpose: can act as bench seating for guests when pulled out and latched halfway• Inexpensive and easy to build	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The bed must be tucked away every morning• Must have ample open floor space to be able to roll it out• Pillows have to be stored elsewhere	<p>Typically custom built. Trundle beds are sold at a reasonable price but most are not manufactured to accommodate everyday use.</p> <p>Pictured: Minim Home bed (on display at the Showcase)</p>
	STORAGE/PLATFORM BED	A bed raised on a platform with storage underneath.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clever way to hide and gain storage space• Accessible to the disabled/seniors (dependent on the height of the bed)• Do not have to make bed/take items off bed everyday• Plenty of headroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Takes up a bulk of living and visual space• Can be a little tricky getting in and out of bed (dependent on height)	<p>Pictured: DIY Ikea Hack Platform Bed</p>
	MURPHY BED	A bed that is hinged at one end to store vertically or horizontally against the wall when not in use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Takes up minimal square footage/visual space• Can be dual purpose: certain models have desks/sofas built in when not in use as a bed• Commercially available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have to make the bed every morning• Have to strap the mattress in before it can be put away• Have to store the pillows elsewhere• Takes up large portion of open wall space void of windows• Most options expensive	<p>Choose a murphy bed with a narrow profile when closed. The frame and DIY kits allow you to opt for a space efficient 6" latex mattress (which is just as comfortable as a standard mattress: tested in the Minim House)</p> <p>Pictured: Penelope Bed from Resource Furniture</p>
	LOFT	A space directly under the roof of a house which is used as a sleeping area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds square footage to your home• Frees up floor space by utilizing vertical space• Do not have to make bed everyday• Inexpensive and easy to build	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard to get in and out of bed• Limited head room• Difficult to make the bed• Inaccessible to the disabled/seniors• Can get hot in warm climates• Pets are unable to get in bed (could also be considered a pro)• Lowers the ceiling height on the first floor• Can cause anxiety to those that are afraid of heights/falling out of bed in the night• Ladder/stairs can get in the way when not in use• Rain noise loud• Loft platform at head height visually makes room feel smaller	<p>Take into consideration what style of roof you choose and how you plan to get into the loft. (Ladders, stairs, or a creative combination of both)</p> <p>Pictured: Organ Cottage Company Tiny Home with Dormer Windows in loft area for increased head room</p>
	FUTON	A Japanese style mattress that folds in the middle for use as a couch and flattens for use as a bed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Variety of options commercially available in mainstream stores• Inexpensive• Mobile• Doubles as a sofa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be difficult to convert the futon from a sofa to a bed (and vice versa) by oneself• May not be as comfortable as other options• Requires maintenance	<p>One of the more obvious choices for bed options in a tiny space. It is the most cost effective option but may not be as efficient as the other options for everyday use.</p>