storage

Make the most of what you have by installing fitted wardrobe kits into an existing wardrobe. These are cleverly designed and often modular, enabling you to fit as much as possible into the space you have. If the wardrobe doors are a dominant feature on one wall, paint them the same colour as the wall to visually blend them in, or add a mirror to one of them as a practical addition.

Wheeled trolley boxes to push under your bed are the ultimate storage spot for those short on space, or consider adding a bed with built-in drawers underneath. Or if you have space at the end of the bed, consider a long ottoman with a lid that lifts to reveal storage or a trunk. These can double as handy seats for putting on shoes.

Right: Don't overlook your walk-in wardrobe. Incorporate it into your bedroom scheme by painting it in a complementary colour - a darker colour inside the wardrobe may make your room feel larger. Back wall in Resene Dark Slate, front walls in Resene Hermitage with harlequin pattern in Resene Destiny and trims in Resene Sea Fog. Pendant light in Resene Zumthor, desk in Resene Destiny and flooring in Resene Colorwood Whitewash.

Resene Sea Fog

Resene

Hermitage Dark Slate

Resene Destiny Resene

Resene Hammerhead



Resene Colorwood Whitewash





Narrow built-in cupboards don't take up much room and can store a large amount. They only need to be a shoe length depth or deep enough to take a folded pair of jeans. Or use cubby-hole style shelves for these items, minus the doors.

Can some of the items you keep in the bedroom be stored elsewhere, like off-season clothes in the spare bedroom wardrobe, or suitcases or other bags in your garage?

Or perhaps you can store off-season clothes and blankets in a stack of vintage suitcases? Choose bedside tables that have drawers to help hide clutter. **Right:** Your clothes are part of your personality, so why not give your wardrobe a dash of style too? Designer Hamish Dodd painted the inside of his wardrobe in Resene Rivergum to make the space pop.

Below right: Designer Shelley Ferguson transformed a kitset wardrobe into a glam space with a little va va voom by painting the inside in Resene Blanched Pink from the Karen Walker Paints collection.

Resene Mercury







Put hooks on the back of the door for your dressing gown, coats and handbag. Likewise, hooks on the wall can hold all sorts of items like scarves, belts, necklaces and bags.

Or make a jewellery hanger by covering a cork or craft board with Resene wallpaper or painting with your favourite Resene colour and framing it, then adding small hooks for earrings, bracelets and necklaces.

Turn your bedhead wall into a full-on builtin storage unit, by building a shelf behind the bed, with set-down space on either side, tall cupboards beside that and cupboards on the wall overhead

Finally, get into the habit of putting clothes away rather than slinging them on a chair, on the end of the bed or on the floor

top tip

Painting the inside of your wardrobe or cabinets with Resene Enamacryl gloss will help reflect light in a small dark space and create a sense of luxury.

Right: Jazz up some old cabinets and make them a feature in your bedroom by painting them in stripes or a pattern. Wall in Resene Palm Green, floor in Resene Greige, cabinet in Resene Double Spanish White with stripes in Resene Vintage.

Resene __ Vintage Resene

Greige

Resene Double Spanish White



Resene

