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SIMPLE PLEASURES

Quality over quantity is the motto of new minimalism—here are some ideas on how to apply this concept of meaningful reduction to your bedroom decor

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Through their 2018 book *New Minimalism*, professional decluttering and design duo Cary Telander Fortin and Kyle Louise Quilici paved the way for interior designers to help owners reassess their emotional relationship to things and turn their homes into beautiful spaces that are neat but not austere. Moving away from the threadbare aesthetics and neutral palette of minimalism, this philosophy isn't so much about streamlining as it is about making room for the things that really matter.

"New minimalism is more of a concept than a design style," says Terence Neo, design director at Eightytwo. "It's not just about keeping clutter to a minimum; it's also about incorporating useful, sustainable and meaningful objects into your home." When applying this concept to your bedroom, Neo suggests choosing furniture that's durable and functional, integrating built-in cabinetry, and bringing in as much natural light as possible.

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In a project by Upstairs_, the watercolour effect wallpaper on the cabinetry in the master bedroom turns functional storage into a thing of beauty; wooden furnishings bring warmth to this greyscale bedroom, also designed by Upstairs_

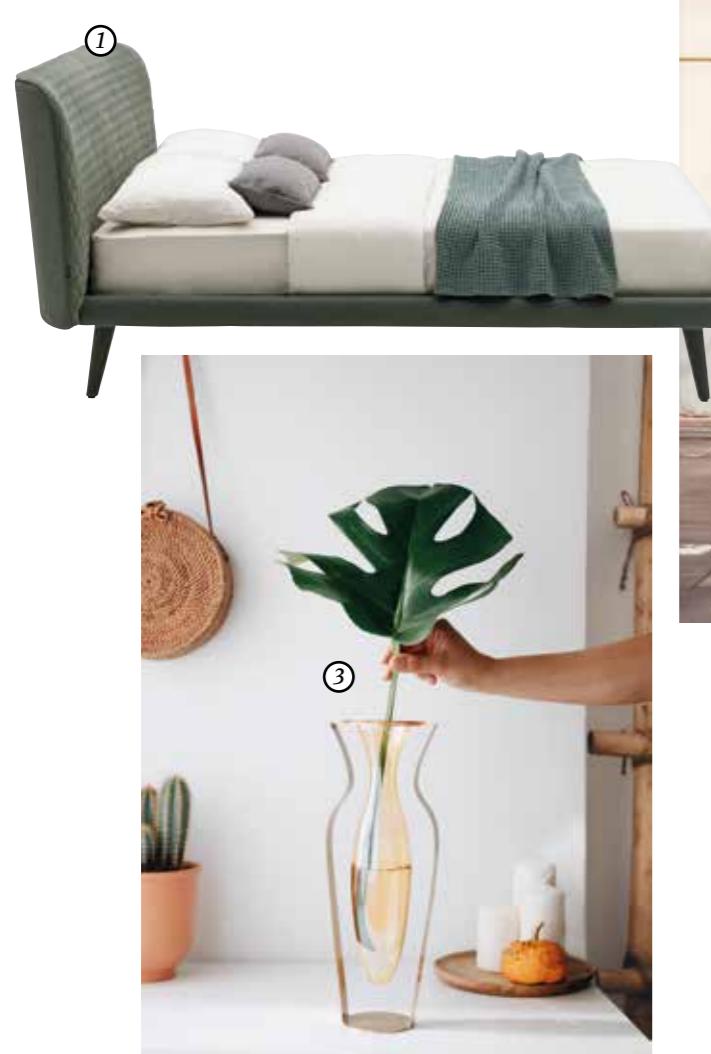


ARTISTIC CRADLE

Available at The Artling, Cresent Moon is a solid wood stool handcrafted by Kumamoto-based woodworking artist Takahiro Hirana of Life Wood Works. Inspired by the shape of the crescent moon, each stool bears the unique rings of the log it was carved out of. The stool's organic form makes it appear almost like a sculpture, and the piece is so versatile that it can double-up as a bedside table.

According to William Chan, founder of Spacedge Designs, this design philosophy is less rigid and muted than minimalism in the more traditional sense. "New minimalism allows for a more personalised approach to design, where the owner can make selections based on their unique lifestyles," says Chan. "Utility should be a priority, because the new-minimalist bedroom is all about having fewer items in a space, but having these items work harder, do more, and meet the owner's specific needs and desires."

Dennis Cheok, creative director of Upstairs_, sees new minimalism as a natural by-product of our aspirations towards a less encumbered way of living. "It's less about raw spatial volumes and white space per se, but more about designing in a way that creates meaningful and emotive spaces with 'just enough,'" he says. His advice is to use good storage solutions to keep the bedroom tidy, while weaving in rich textures and carefully chosen colours. "The new minimalist bedroom should ultimately respond to its owner's personality. It should be a direct extension of their lifestyle, so the finishing touches and details—artwork, artefacts, or a favourite piece of furniture perhaps—will play a key role in the execution of the concept."



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THE RIGHT CURVES

Exuding simplicity and elegance, the Corolle Bed from Italian brand Bolzan Letti has an ergonomic, curved form that is pleasing to the eye and as comfortable to recline on. Its headboard combines upholstery and geometric detailing to give this bed its unique look. The frame is made of fir wood and the cover for the frame can be completely removed if you want to update the fabric.

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BOOK RUN

Inspired by the doors of traditional Chinese and Japanese temples, the Ran Library bookcase is the work of iconic Italian designer Carlo Forcolini and was first produced in 1982. It introduces a strong geometric form that creates the appearance of floating shelves. Manufactured by Stellar Works, the Ran Library works well with neutral palettes as well in colourful schemes.

3

DROP OF HONEY

New minimalism isn't ascetic or sombre, but a celebration of life through the things that warm the spirit. Opt to decorate your home with minimalist pieces such as the Droplet Honey Vase by Istanbul-based design studio KitBox Design. Inspired by ancient amphora vases, this vessel consists of an orange-tinted, hand-blown droplet-shaped vessel set within a hammered brass frame.

4

DEAR DIARY

A new release from Molteni&C, the Note desk by Italian designer Matteo Nunziati will fit beautifully in a minimalist bedroom. A feat of exquisite carpentry, this elegant desk has a wooden top with two carved trays; its central tray is clad in saddle leather. The desk's legs are crafted using a complex, three-dimensional woodworking technique where grooves are carved into three sides.



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