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DRESSED TO IMPRESS

A dressing table is a necessary luxury, and cupboards and drawers mean surface space is kept for style rather than stuff. The Kensington dressing room fitted furniture starts from £3,000. Neville Johnson



Q&A

WITH TINA MAHONY,
DIRECTOR OF GO MODERN

How do you decide on the right balance of storage and space in a bedroom? We often find clients need more storage than they have space so we incorporate it wherever we can by building wardrobes up to the ceiling, using storage beds and tall chests of drawers in smaller spaces, as well as decorative hanging shelves on walls or slimmer wall units. A bridged wardrobe around the head of a bed can also be a great use of space. The result should work aesthetically, as well as leaving plenty of space to move around.

Where do you begin when designing fitted wardrobe systems? We start with the doors; hanging door wardrobes have smaller cabinets which can also be divided inside so if a client has a lot of different storage needs we normally recommend those. Sliding doors have a cleaner look for small spaces but are actually less flexible in terms of inside storage.

How important is a dressing table within a bedroom layout? It's very important to have everything in one place and you can get creative with a hanging desk with a fold-down top or a small wall-hung shelving unit. Look at the space between wardrobe cabinets as this can often hold a table as well as shelves, cupboards and a small chest of drawers with doors to hide it away when not in use.

Is fitted storage becoming more design-focused? The days of having to completely sacrifice style to get practical fitted storage are well and truly over! It's often more economical to get beautiful semi-fitted designer storage than it is to get alternatives. We are seeing everything from textured doors with leather to striking handles in different designs – there's a general air of luxury for 2018.

HAPPY HIDEAWAY

Tuck away bulky blankets and woolly jumpers with the Tight space storage bed and Dumpling headboard, from £1,090. Loaf



COOL COMPARTMENTS

The Bronze wardrobe in Cipria with bronze handles, from £1,060 for two doors (95.2cm), by Novamobili at Go Modern, can be totally tailored for the answer to substance and style



HIDDEN DETAIL

'Do your research, as small details like lighting inside your wardrobe, special storage for ties and jewellery or shelves and trouser racks that slide out can be almost life-changing,' says Tina. Here, the Offset sliding door wardrobe in Olmo Chiaro ash with Tortora lacquered glass, from £2,590 for two doors (152cm wide), by Novamobili at Go Modern, is all-singing and all-dancing

