



THE LOW-DOWN Hit the floor with day beds made from simple mattresses, covered in a feel-good fabric. They're a glam alternative to couches, and double as spare beds for guests. Sultan Märskén **mattresses**, single \$169 each, IKEA. White calicut **cushions**, \$55 each, Flax bamboo **cushions**, \$28 each, both KAS Australia. **Ottoman**, \$199, **tray**, \$249, **tea glasses**, \$14 each, **teapot**, \$99, **kilim cushions** \$55 each, white **slippers**, \$89/pair, **dress**, \$89, all Silk Route. Red **bolsters**, \$295 each, black and red **slippers**, from \$75/pair, all Arida, **Coir/sisal floor runners**, 90cmx1.7m \$78.30 each, The Natural Floorcovering Centre. **Tropical mural**, \$170, **Wall Scenes**. **Right**: Miner's **bench/day bed**, from \$1500, cushion in Shabby Chic Cabana Stripe **fabric**, \$125/metre, both Judy Porter Interiors. **Cotton throw**, \$39.95, Bayswiss. **Side table**, \$375, Judy Porter Vintage Store. **French bread tray**, \$350, Mark Conway. For stockists see page 147

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WHITE OUT Tucked in a sunny corner or on a breezy veranda, a welcoming day bed like this is the perfect spot to while away the afternoon. Decorate in shades of white and powder blue for a serene feel. >


day bed believer

Sit, sleep or just daydream on these soft, welcoming day beds

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TOUCH WOOD Go global with a day bed in rich, elaborately carved hardwood. Dressed in cool cottons and linens, you'll get an exotic Balinese or Moroccan mood in your living space. **Day bed**, \$1999, **lanterns**, from \$19.95 each, both Bayswiss. **Foot rest**, \$985/2, Arida. Cotton **throw**, queen \$499, matching **cushion**, \$59, large cotton **cushion**, \$169, all Silk Route. Appliqué **bedspread**, double \$195, Calico House. Bamboo **screen**, 2.4x1.83m \$216.50, House of Bamboo. **Mural**, as before. **Right:** Dedon Daydream four-poster **day bed**, from \$3250-\$6745 (excl. mattress & cushions), Grange Furniture. Calicut **cushions**, \$28 each, KAS Australia. **Grass mats**, 1.6x1.4m, \$73.50 each, The Natural Floorcovering Centre. **Candles**, from \$13 each, Water. Hyacinth **cushions**, \$75 each, both My Island Home. For stockists see page 147



AMAZON QUEEN You won't find a more lavish, regal decorating statement than this stately rattan day bed. Great for solo lazing or as a comfortable couch, its four-poster style is simply splendid. >

A tropical beach scene with two lounge beds under a white canopy. The beds are made of light-colored wood with blue and white patterned cushions. A white sheet is draped over the front bed. In the background, there is a sandy beach, turquoise water, and palm trees under a clear blue sky. A white towel and a pair of white flip-flops are on the floor near the beds. A small table with two glasses of water is next to the beds.

DOUBLE TAKE Who said sunlounges were only for sunny spots? Think laterally when it comes to choosing day beds. This pair of sunlounges make the perfect daytime lazing spot for a shady patio or airy living room. St Tropez **loungers**, \$945 each, **mattresses**, \$195 each, both Cotswold Furniture Collection. Bamboo **mats**, 2x1.4m \$57.50 each, The Natural Floorcovering Centre. **Sheer fabric**, \$5.50/metre, Spotlight. **Cotton top**, \$65, Silk Route. Carmen **espadrilles**, \$60/pair, My Island Home. Marie Claire **blankets** in blue, queen \$182 each, Lintex Linens Greek Key **bath sheets**, \$62 each, Iittala **glass & decanter**, \$70/set, all Peter's of Kensington. **Right:** Antique French iron **day bed**, \$3000, Portobello Princess. Sultan Moln **mattress pad**, single \$129, IKEA. Shabby Chic Roseblossom **fabric**, \$125/metre, Judy Porter Interiors. Cotton/velvet **quilt**, \$299, Bayswiss. Rosa Bleu **vintage cushion**, \$295, Caravan Interiors.

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SITTING PRETTY Got a passion for all things pretty? Then this sweet, wrought-iron day bed is for you. Team with delicate florals or more modern country ticking or checks. Just the spot to enjoy favourite old romantic movies. **hb**