

**Room Rx**

# Design Around Sloped Ceilings

TRANSFORMING A TIGHT SPACE INTO LIVABLE QUARTERS CAN BE A CHALLENGE. INTERIOR DESIGNER **NATE BERKUS** OFFERS HIS ADVICE.

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**Q:**

We often host guests who travel to see us, so we need more room for sleeping. We have a finished attic, but the sloped ceilings are tricky. How can we decorate to maximize the extra space?  
—Sabine, homeowner in New Windsor, New York



**LIE LOW**

Go with a platform bed that won't crowd the room or compete with the architecture. If possible, position the bed beneath the tallest part of the ceiling so visitors can avoid bumping their heads. **TO BUY:** Tessu Queen Bed in Clay Taupe, \$699; article.com.

**INCORPORATE TEXTURE**

A single wall color will make the room feel bigger. Add interest and a luxe vibe by using a topcoat that creates a plaster effect. **TO BUY:** Aura Paint in Olympic Mountains 971, \$70 per gallon, and Studio Finishes Glaze, \$32 per gallon; benjaminmoore.com for info.

**SPOTLIGHT SCONCES**

Don't overwhelm the mostly triangular space with a lot of boxy furniture. Skip traditional side tables and lamps. Instead, flank the bed with adjustable sconces hung at the corners of the headboard. **TO BUY:** West Elm & Rejuvenation Cylinder Sconce, \$199; westelm.com.

**DRESS UP THE WINDOWS**

Choose roller shades that are wider than the frame and mount them at the ceiling to fake a larger opening. Opt for blackout lining so guests get more restful sleep. **TO BUY:** Designer Roller Shades by Nate Berkus, from \$345; theshadestore.com.

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