

# TRUTH IN DECORATING

## 1 HAMISH DAYBED BY OLY

Jean-Louis Deniot likes this Louis XVI-style design, with its hand-carved wood frame and nailhead detailing: "This has the charm of an antique, but it's tailored for today." The daybed, 80" long by 38" wide, features raffia paneling, which makes it a good fit for a summer home, he says. "It can also be a charming bed for a little girl, with a canopy hung from the ceiling." \$3,650 as shown; [olystudio.com](http://olystudio.com)



## 6 ROBERT BRISTOW DAYBED FOR RALPH PUCCI

"Very sophisticated," says McDonald of the 80"-long, 32"-wide daybed. "If you have two roll pillows, it functions as a sofa; with one, it's more like a chaise." The range of woods—white oak, mahogany, and walnut (shown) among them—adds versatility, too. She pictures it in a contemporary home with an open seating area. \$10,780 as shown; [ralphpucci.net](http://ralphpucci.net)



## 2 DUETTO DAYBED BY FLOU

This skirted piece has hidden potential: A second mattress rolls out and can be raised to the height of the first. "The trundle is fabulous," says Mary McDonald, who sees the 86"-long, 41"-wide daybed furnishing a guest room. To her, the simple slipcovers and bolsters conjure the French countryside. "The dressed-down details give this an earthy quality." \$9,897 as shown; [flou.com](http://flou.com)



## 7 FLAT OUT BY BLU DOT

For those tight on space, this does double duty, says Deniot. "It's an armless sofa that becomes a daybed—so functional." Measuring 80" long and 41" wide when flat, it's a fun choice for a kid's room, thanks to its affordable price and brick-red upholstery. (It also comes in gray.) By day, dress it up with smart pillows, he says. By night, "you have an extra bed for sleepovers." \$999; [bludot.com](http://bludot.com)



## 3 7072-95 DAYBED BY LEE INDUSTRIES

"The asymmetrical arms are quite cool," says Deniot of the tête-à-tête daybed. "It's a very good design." And the piece accommodates more than one: At 81" long by a full 49" wide, it can snugly fit two people side by side, so it would be a practical addition to a family room. (A narrower version is available as well.) \$4,063 as shown; [leeindustries.com](http://leeindustries.com)



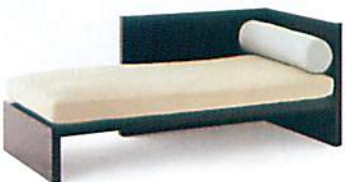
## 8 DAYBED ON POLISHED NICKEL BASE FROM FLAIR

"I like this as an extra piece in a room because it's underscale," says McDonald, noting the slender proportions—80" long by 24.5" wide. "It serves as a bench, but you can still lie down." The tailored ends give the daybed structure. She imagines it at the foot of a king-size bed. \$3,800 as shown; [flairhomecollection.com](http://flairhomecollection.com)



## 4 CURATOR DAYBED BY CALVIN KLEIN HOME

"This has a clean, sort of Zen line," says McDonald, eyeing the austere frame and pared-down cushions. "I love the sleek walnut finish. It's a handsome piece of furniture." The 72"-long, 32"-wide daybed comes in left- and right-facing models, so she suggests using one of each. "These would be great as sofas in an urban apartment." \$3,100; [calvinklein.com](http://calvinklein.com)



## 9 SIGMUND CHAISE LOUNGE BY ENZO MARI FROM DDC

"There's obviously a Roman influence, with the iron and leather," says Deniot of the crossed legs and woven upholstery. Svelte at 71" long by 24" wide, the daybed could stand in for a pair of stools, he says. He envisions it by a fireplace or in a classic library, where it would be right at home among the leather bindings. \$6,812 as shown; [ddcny.com](http://ddcny.com)



## 5 MEDITERRANEAN WOVEN SEAGRASS DAYBED FROM MECOX GARDENS

With its handwoven sea-grass base, this is ideal for a beach house, says Deniot. Given the frame's ropelike texture, he recommends keeping the upholstery fabric casual. The 84"-long, 39"-wide daybed would be perfect under a window, where the backless design won't obstruct the view, he adds. \$3,700 as shown; [mecoxgardens.com](http://mecoxgardens.com)



## 10 DAYBED NO. SIXTY TWO BY THE NEW TRADITIONALISTS

To McDonald, this handmade oak piece is bound for the country. "You could use it as a sofa in a converted barn space or an upstairs loft," she says. The daybed, 79" long and 43" wide, has a playful sense of scale with oversize bolsters. (The height of the footboards can be customized.) \$3,700 as shown; [thenewtraditionalists.com](http://thenewtraditionalists.com)



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