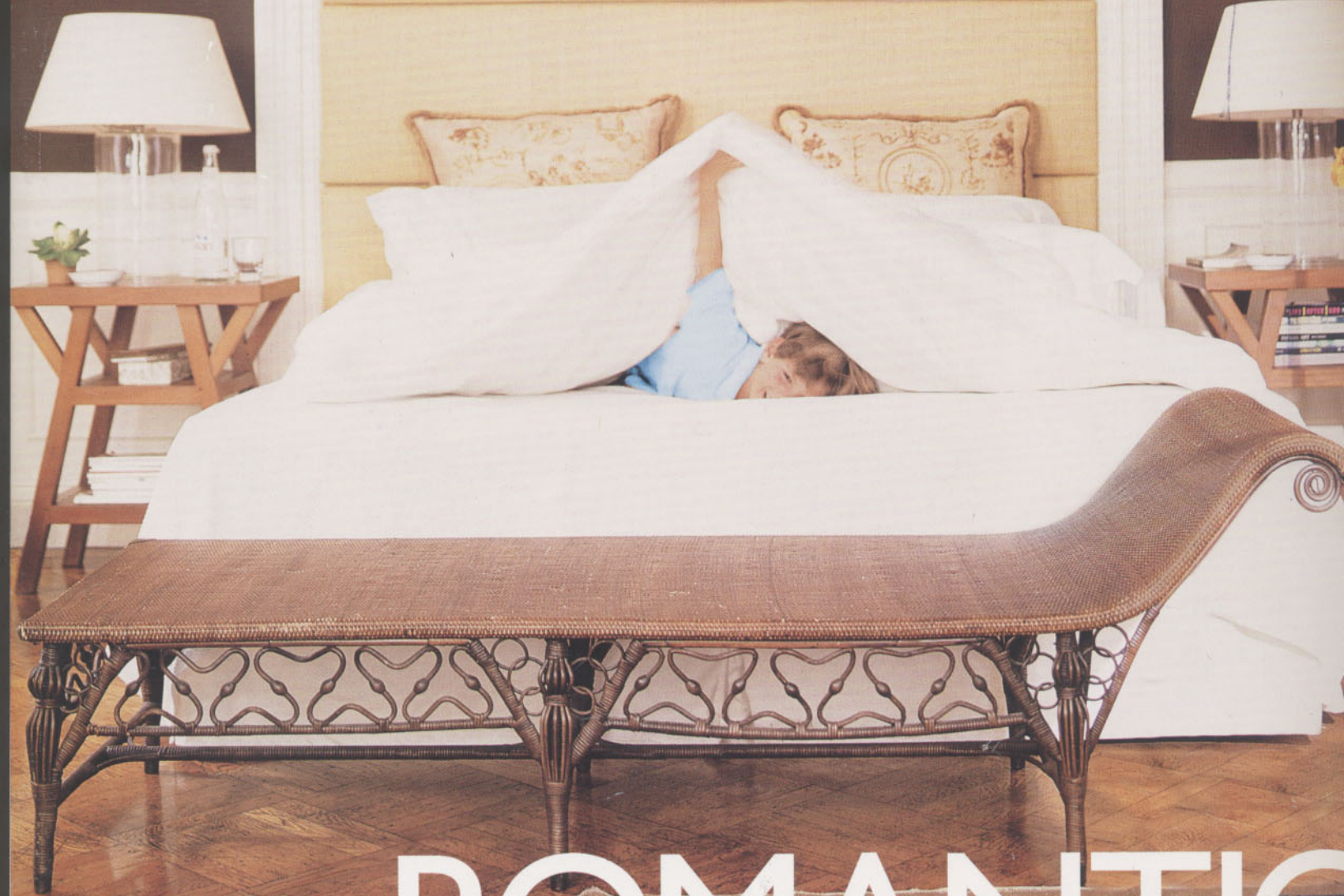


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**SLEEP ON IT**

"This bed has a lovely faux-bamboo look," observes Golub. Coleman agrees, adding, "It's very attractive, but it needs space."

# the **10** most beguiling beds

A significant portion of life is spent sleeping, so don't end up on a bed of nails. Designers **Christopher Coleman** and **Tori Golub** sack out. And so to bed? Not yet! Read on ...



## DARK & HANDSOME

"The slat construction means this doesn't need a box spring," Golub says. Notes Coleman: "The angle of the headboard is very nice."



The designers agree: "These styles are **graceful** yet **masculine**"



## A WELL-MADE BED

"The side rails are wonderfully thick," Coleman points out, "and the frame neatly conceals the box spring." Says Golub, "This riffs on the Regency style, yet it's very transitional."

## Bed Breakdown

We've come a long way since the nightmarish era when all a sleepy person could do was spread a blanket out on the cold floor. Some modern-day beds are so elaborate, with drapery and carved headboards, they deserve the equally elaborate title "bedstead." But despite recent innovations, many centuries-old styles continue to be popular. They include the tester, or canopy bed . . . the stately four-poster . . . the ever-elegant sleigh bed . . . the bunk bed, a summer-camp staple . . . the trundle bed, which slides under the main bed, emerging when guests need a place to sleep . . . the daybed, which does double duty as a sofa . . . the wrought-iron bed, appreciated since the Middle Ages because it has no crevices to harbor dreaded bedbugs . . . the three-drawer captain's bed . . . novelties such as water beds, inflatable beds, and Craftmatic adjustables . . . and many varieties of built-ins, from loft beds to niche beds.





**1 Mercer Street Bed by Ralph Lauren Home** “Beautiful,” raves Coleman. “The headboard is super-soft and the footboard is really useful; you can actually sit on it. The polished-chrome feet are a nice detail.” Remarks Golub, “This is very masculine. I see it in a contemporary, minimal interior, but I’d put it next to something lighter, like a Saarinen table.” Length: 90”; width: 65”; headboard height: 42”; footboard height: 26”; material: upholstered in Italian leather with polished-chrome feet; delivery: 6–10 weeks; price: \$12,885 as shown



**2 #3424 Bed by Barbara Barry for Baker Furniture** “The finish is absolutely beautiful,” Golub says. “It looks hand-waxed. And the shape of the headboard and footboard are so graceful.” Adds Coleman, “The headboard has a good pitch: perfect for sitting up in bed and watching TV. And the bar on the footboard is great for draping blankets over.” Length: 99”; width: 65”; headboard height: 48”; footboard height: 36”; material: mahogany; delivery: 16 weeks; price: \$6,877



**3 Lolita Bed by Desiron** “You don’t have to push it up against a wall because it looks great from all angles. It’s ideal for a contemporary interior,” says Coleman. Golub agrees: “This is the kind of bed that could be in the middle of the room—but I’d put something more earthy with it, like a rough-hewn-wood bedside table, to balance the mechanical quality.” Length: 78”; width: 54”; headboard height: 30”; material: stainless steel with Russian-birch plywood platform; delivery: 6 weeks; price: \$1,550



**4 Ceylon Bed by Dakota Jackson** “This is meant to be a stark, architectural statement, so it’s not the ultimate in comfort,” says Golub. “Use a lot of pillows if you want to sit up and read in it.” Notes Coleman, “It’s clean and modern yet transitional; it would work with Deco furniture as well as mid-century modern. Plus, it could float because it’s so streamlined.” Length: 90½”; width: 66½”; headboard height: 44½”; material: cherrywood; delivery: 14–16 weeks; price: \$4,000



**5 Milan Bed by Charles P. Rogers** “It has a very open feeling,” says Coleman. “It’s a modern interpretation of the wrought-iron bed that’s been popular for hundreds of years. I wouldn’t use a skirt with this one—it would detract from the clean look.” Golub adds, “This would work well in both a contemporary decor and a traditional one. But you’ll need lots of pillows.” Length: 86”; width: 62”; headboard height: 47”; footboard height: 34”; material: hand-forged iron rod; delivery: up to 6–8 weeks; price: \$1,199

## the top 10: h

Centuries ago, the bed was an expensive commodity, available only to those who could afford the luxury. These days, there’s a bed to suit every taste and budget. Here’s what to keep in mind when selecting the nightly nest of your dreams:

- If you choose a high-riser, the underbed area should be kept clear of clutter.
- Is your bedmate a tall drink of water? Avoid nocturnal discord by eliminating the footboard—or choosing one that’s low. Plus, warns Coleman, “It’s harder to make the bed when it has a footboard.”
- Love to sit up in bed watching TV or reading? Then go