

It's not unusual for parents to room with their newborn, whether it is due to a lack of space, convenience or comfort, there is always a good reason.

Using double duty furniture is key to successfully integrating the nursery to your room. If baby will stay with you longer than three months, you may wish to invest in a solid crib that converts to a toddler bed, this offers years of extra use and will cut down on the costs associated with purchasing a new bed and frame.

Though, initially, a cradle will serve you well, it is for a limited time only. The mainstay of any nursery, shared or not is the crib. The other pieces such as the change table, rocker, and storage centre, can be purchased over time.

In some situations, the shared accommodations are too small to accommodate a change table and a low dresser with a change pad will function well. If the situation allows for a change table, all the better as tables today come equipped with shelving and drawers which will serve as good storage space for all of baby's things. For open storage spaces, bring colour and texture into the space by using baskets in various sizes and textures and are perfect for keeping ointments, diapers, wash cloths handy, not to mention extra clothes for those occasional accidents.

No matter how small those babies come, they come with a lot of gear. Consider sharing your closet space. When sharing your closet with little ones, maximize the space by installing a closet system. Today there are a variety of choices from do-it-yourself to custom design closet organizers. Maximize this space with double hanging rods, open shelving, and cubby holes. To personalise your space from baby's consider using simple bins and stencil your initials on each box. This will add charm and help keep you organized. The extra storage will allow for hanging clothes for you and little one, along with space to keep small toys, books, extra diapers, towels and blankets.

If sharing a closet isn't an option, an armoire with its' many drawers and shelves is an excellent storage choice and a piece that offers extended use throughout the years. Take advantage of all the space an armoire offers by fitting it with bins and baskets to store accessories, clothes and keepsakes. Even the inner surface of the doors can display photos, and feeding schedules by accessorizing with hanging organizers and fitted memory board. Additional storage for toys and photographs can also be displayed on top.

Every new parent can benefit from comfortable seating for feeding and cuddling baby and every room has a little corner to tuck even the smallest of chairs.

Choose comfort over style as you will be spending many hours feeding and cuddling. For convenience a small table with a reading light will come in handy.

When designing a space for you and baby to live in, always choose pieces that are practical and safe, and enjoy this remarkable event.



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