

Fit For Two

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About

One room, two children, and twice the need for space and storage. With limited room for clothing and a bunk bed providing the sleeping arrangement, the goal was to make better use of the existing bedroom—giving each child a sleeping space of their own while finding thoughtful ways to accommodate everything that comes with sharing a room.

The existing closet was reworked for better access and storage, while custom millwork made use of otherwise underutilized space. Built-in beds with generous drawers, a fitted dresser and lighted shelving provide meaningful storage without overwhelming the room.

The result is a warm, cohesive bedroom that gives each child a space of their own within a room designed for both.



Client Needs

- Replace the existing bunk-bed arrangement with individual sleeping spaces for each child.
- Create more clothing and personal storage without adding bulky furniture.
- Improve the organization and accessibility of the existing closet.
- Create a room that feels thoughtfully designed for both children, balancing shared elements with a sense of individuality.



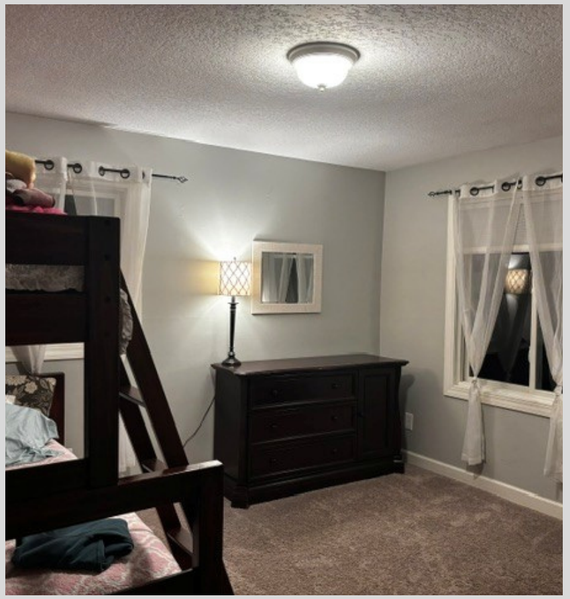


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EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Ladder access made the upper bunk less convenient for everyday use.
- Multiple freestanding furniture pieces made the shared bedroom feel crowded and visually cluttered.
- Existing closets and limited dresser space provided insufficient organized storage for two children.





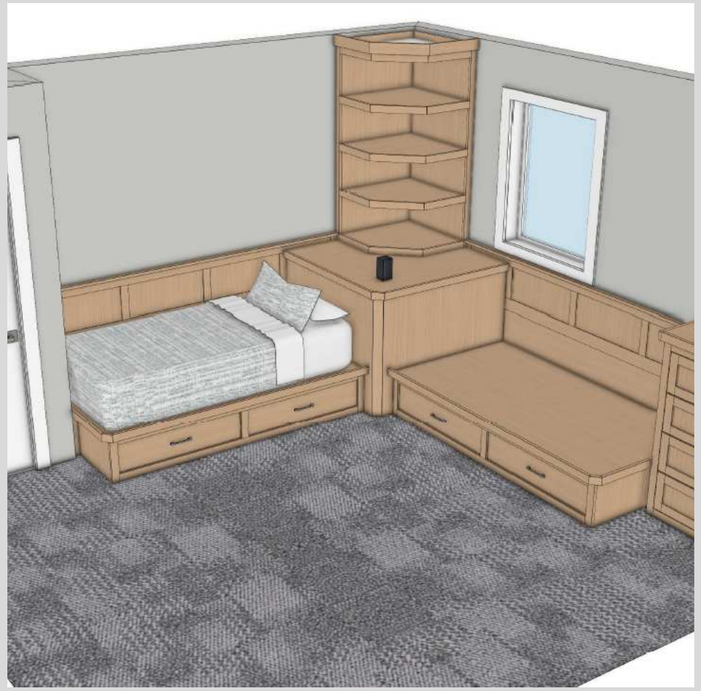




DESIGN PLAN

- Replace the bunk bed with two individual built-in beds with integrated drawer storage.
- Rework the existing closet with a wider double door opening and reorganized interior storage.
- Use the corner between the beds for a custom built-in with integrated shelving and display.
- Add a fitted dresser and coordinated millwork to increase storage while keeping the room feeling open.







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BEFORE & AFTER



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AFTER

A once-crowded shared bedroom was reimagined with two individual custom built-in beds and integrated storage, making better use of the existing footprint while giving each child a space of their own.

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BEFORE & AFTER



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AFTER

Custom millwork surrounds the sleeping area with dedicated drawer and clothing storage, creating a more organized and visually cohesive arrangement.

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The existing closet openings were reconfigured into a wider double door opening, maintaining convenient access while accommodating the new built-in bed layout.

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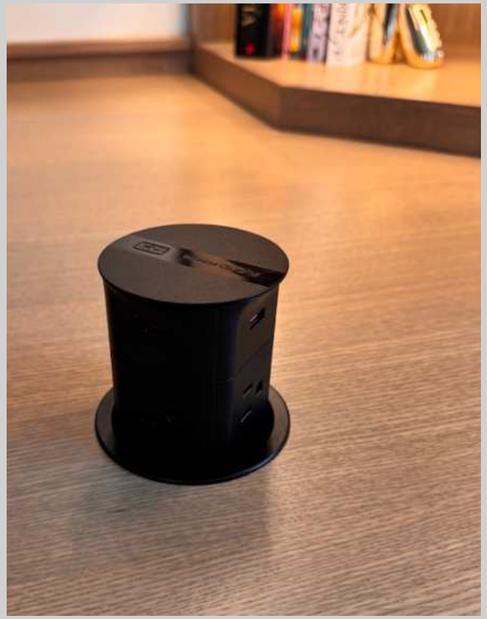
AFTER

A custom desk with integrated storage and coordinated finishes carries the white oak detailing into the workspace.

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FUNCTIONALITY

- Two individual custom built-in beds provide comfortable, easy-to-access sleeping spaces for each child.
- Deep under-bed drawers capture otherwise unused space for high-capacity, easily accessible storage.
- The reworked closet improves organization, visibility and everyday access to clothing and personal items.
- A fitted dresser adds dedicated clothing storage while integrating seamlessly with the surrounding millwork.
- The center console incorporates power and illuminated shelving, providing convenient charging and task/display lighting between the beds.
- Integrated storage throughout keeps belongings contained while preserving an open, uncluttered center of the room.









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AESTHETICS

- White oak millwork brings warmth and consistency throughout the room, tying the beds, dresser, desk, wall paneling and shelving together.
- A soft, neutral palette keeps the shared bedroom feeling light, calm and age-flexible rather than overly themed.
- Integrated shelf lighting adds warmth and depth, turning the center display into a focal point and giving the room a softer evening glow.
- The overall composition balances symmetry and individuality, with matching built-ins creating order while each child still has a distinct sleeping area.









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CRAFTSMANSHIP & INNOVATION







MAXIMIZING THE EXISTING FOOTPRINT THROUGH RECONFIGURATION

The room needed to accommodate two individual sleeping spaces and substantially more storage without expanding its existing footprint. The original closet access conflicted with the placement of the new built-ins constraining room entry access and required the wall and closet opening to be reworked. A new, wider double-door opening improved closet access while allowing the custom units to integrate within the available space. The existing HVAC supply was also relocated to accommodate the new bed configuration without compromising room comfort.

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- Custom white oak millwork was built specifically for the room, carrying consistent detailing across the beds, storage, wall paneling and center shelving.

- Individual millwork components were carefully fitted and aligned during installation, maintaining consistent reveals and clean transitions throughout the room.

- Lighting and power were integrated into the center shelving unit, requiring coordination between the millwork and electrical work for a clean finished installation.







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