

## A CHEST OF DRAWS IS NOT JUST FOR THE BEDROOM!

When we think about furnishing a bedroom, it's almost automatic: bed (obviously), wardrobe, side table and chest of drawers. In fact, many retailers make it even easier by bundling 'bedroom sets'.

But here's the thing, why have we confined the humble chest of drawers to just one room?

A good chest of drawers is essential for all the 'smalls', jumpers, t-shirts and foldable clothes that doesn't need to hang. And recently, thanks to the rise in upcycling, this once fairly standard piece has had something of a glow-up. Creative small businesses are taking solid, well-built but unloved pieces and transforming them with paint, texture and detail into something completely unique.

And that's where it gets interesting.

Because a chest of drawers becomes a feature in a bedroom as well as being functional and doesn't need to stay in the bedroom at all.

Interiors have become far more relaxed and flexible in recent years, with freestanding furniture making its way into every room. A chest of drawers is one of the easiest pieces to move and works wherever you put it.

It is possible to find a product that fits into any design scheme - from 'new' manufactured to locally upcycled products.



Source: Pavillion Broadway £2780



Source: Upcycled by Nicci £450

### The Bathroom

Perfect for storing towels, loo roll and toiletries, a chest of drawers can be a brilliant addition to a bathroom. Whether it's repurposed as a vanity or simply used as a freestanding piece, it's a great way to add character and soften a room that can feel quite clinical.



Source: Etsy.com SimplyBathroom



### The Living Room

It's the ultimate tidy-up solution for all those random life bits –lego legs, spare keys, glasses cases...the things that don't have a proper home.

But it isn't just practical.

A chest of drawers provides the opportunity to create a 'moment' with styling (lamps, ceramics, books, pictures etc) something considered and not overdone. It also helps break up that slightly too-perfect, match-matchy look that can creep into living rooms.

Source: SOHO Home

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### The Dining Room

Think table linen, serving dishes, place mats – all the things you don't need every day but want close to hand. A chest of drawers works beautifully here.

Combined with a shelf, topper or wall-mounted shelving unit and you can create a relaxed, modern take on a Welsh dresser, which is practical and adds personality and individualism.



Source: Pinterest Feeling Homely



Source: Dunelm Sophie Robinson Joylene

## **The Kitchen**

There's been a definite shift away from fully fitted kitchens recently, with more people opting for freestanding pieces.

A chest of drawers can slot in surprisingly easily against, as part of an island set-up, or even added onto an existing run of units. Top it with surface and it becomes both functional and full of character.

Source: The Ivy Kitchen



**This might be one of the most versatile piece of furniture you can own. Playroom, hallway, laundry... it works everywhere.**

**It can be re-painted, re-purposed and reimagined as you style evolves or your needs change. A good, well build chest of drawers will outlast most trends (and possibly houses as it will move with you).**

**Sometimes the best pieces aren't the most obvious ones, you just need to look at them slightly differently.**

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