

If you're a light sleeper, noise disturbance can be unbearable, which is why it's often wise to position the main bedroom toward the back of your home. You might have to compromise on light, but as the room is mostly used at night, it shouldn't be a deal-breaker. If the ideal spot results in a windowless space, then smart partitioning is the answer. Consider installing a semitransparent screen to filter light and provide privacy, or a sliding wall that can be pulled across when required. Another way to get around this problem is by placing the bedroom on a mezzanine—the split-level layout creates instant

separation without the need for light-blocking walls or screens.

A raised sleeping area has the added bonus of freeing up the floor beneath—never more useful than in a spatially challenged studio. NC Design & Architecture hung a bunk from the ceiling in one Hong Kong apartment, enabling its owner to fit a full-sized dining table into the space below so he was finally able to use his home for entertaining. Kitoko studio had the bright idea of building a bedroom in a cupboard in one tiny Parisian abode, creating room for clothes storage, appliances and ▶

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▶ *Kitoko Studio* turned this tiny bedroom into an apartment by creating a raised sleeping area with a wealth of concealed functions beneath.

▼ When folded away, this bed is indiscernible from the sleek wall of cabinetry that *Rozeman Architects* designed for this apartment in London's Barbican Estate.



◀ *NC Design & Architecture* hung a bunk from the ceiling in this Hong Kong apartment. Accessed via a ladder, it has just enough room for the owner to sit up in bed.