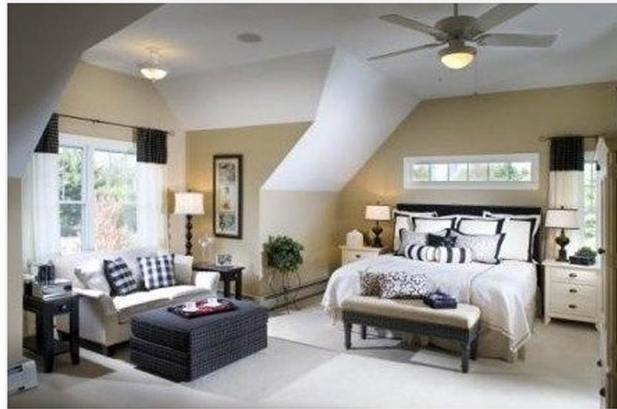




Your First Home: What Every New Homeowner Needs in Their Master Bedroom



A tranquil sitting area completes this elegant owner's suite. The Devonshire plan built by WGB Homes at Brookmeadow Village, South Grafton, Mass.

For first-time homeowners, the master bedroom is often one of the most exciting rooms of their new home. Aside from wanting to plop onto their bed after all that moving, it's one of those rooms that offers respite from everyday life.

However, while you may be finding the perfect comforter for your bed or figuring out the layout of your furniture, it's easy to overlook the basic privacy, comfort and convenience essentials that every master bedroom needs.

But don't worry — at NewHomeSource, we're seeking to educate first-time home buyers on how to stock a starter home. This month, we're walking through the master bedroom. Here's what you'll need:

When it comes to filling up your master bedroom, "buy the large items first and then the small ones," says celebrity interior designer Cathy Hobbs. "Large items will anchor the room and serve as the signature pieces" that will define the rest of the room's décor.

Privacy

As one of your most intimate settings, you don't want to overlook privacy in the bedroom. "Select shades with at least 3-percent opacity. The lower the number, the tighter the weave and the less light that will shine through," says Hobbs.

Flooring

"Always pay attention to the hard versus soft relationship. If you have hardwood floors, remember to have something soft under foot," like a shag or sheepskin rug, which Hobbs says are ultra-comfy.