Keep a bedside plant and phone cables from competing

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Fit one small plant on a bedside table without crowding the phone, charger and lamp. Measure the tabletop, place the essentials and the cable route first, then add the plant in the space that is left and check everything from the bed. The free layout template has a footprint table and a sketch box.

You need

- A measuring tape
- Paper and pencil, or the free template
- The phone, charger and lamp you already use
- One small plant you own or are considering
- The free bedside surface-layout template (PDF) printed on US Letter paper, and a pen

1 Measure and draw the tabletop

Measure the tabletop's width and depth and draw it to scale in the sketch box. Mark where the outlet is and the route the charging cable takes.

2 Place the essentials first

Draw the phone and charger, the lamp base and a clear landing space for glasses or a water glass. Keep the charger and plug visible, dry and easy to reach.

3 Add one small plant in what is left

Try one compact plant in the remaining corner, away from the plug and cable route. Measure the leaf spread as well as the pot. Do not drape foliage onto a charger or use a pot to hide a connection.

4 Check it from the bed

Reach for the phone and switch the lamp on and off without moving the plant. Keep cords and small parts away from children and pets. Follow pot care instructions and keep any non-waterproof pot dry and away from water.

Tips

- Measure the plant's leaf spread and pot before buying; make sure both fit without crowding the essentials.
- If the essentials fill the table, put the plant on a nearby shelf or dresser instead.
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1. The surface

Question	Answer
Tabletop width and depth	
Height under the lamp shade	
Outlet position (behind, beside or below)	

2. Footprints

Item	Width x depth	Corner or zone
Phone and charger		
Lamp base		
Plant pot and leaf spread		
Water glass on a coaster		
Other:		

3. Sketch the tabletop (draw the cable as a line from the outlet)

4. From the bed

- [ ] Reach the phone without moving the plant
- [ ] Switch the lamp on and off without touching leaves
- [ ] Charger and plug visible and dry
- [ ] No cable runs under the pot
- [ ] Pot kept away from the water glass