# Keep a guest-room nightstand useful with one small plant

Essentials-first nightstand layout • Free, no signup or purchase.

Set up a guest-room nightstand so the phone, glasses, water and lamp switch come first, and add one small artificial plant only if space is left. Lay out the essentials, test the reach from the bed, then place the plant at the back, away from the lamp and the water. The free sheet has an essentials-first layout to fill in, a reach test and a short checklist.

## What you need

- The nightstand and lamp in the guest room
- A coaster for water, and room for a phone, charger and glasses
- One small artificial plant in a pot that can stay dry (optional)
- A tape measure and a pen
- The free nightstand layout sheet (PDF), printed on US Letter paper

## Steps

1. **Place the essentials first**
   Measure the nightstand top. Keep the phone and glasses near the edge closest to the bed, and put water on a coaster away from the charger cable and the lamp base. Leave the lamp switch where a hand can find it in the dark.
2. **Test the reach from the bed**
   Sit or lie where the guest would, and reach for the phone, glasses, water and lamp switch. Move anything that needs a stretch or would be easy to knock over.
3. **Add the plant only if space is left**
   Measure the space that is still free. If a small artificial plant fits at the back, away from the edge, the lamp and the water, place it there; if not, leave it out.
4. **Recheck with the plant in place**
   Repeat the reach test with the plant on the nightstand. Check that the charger cable runs clear of the water and the pot, and that nothing hangs over the edge.

## Tips

- Keep water away from charging cables, plugs and the lamp, and keep everything back from the edge.
- Keep the plant away from the lamp shade and bulb, and follow pot care instructions; keep a non-waterproof pot dry.
- The printable is free to download and print. No account, email or purchase is required.

**Product note (optional)**
The optional plant link is an affiliate link. Check the selected product, pot material, size, care directions and included items before buying. Use suitable household items already on hand.

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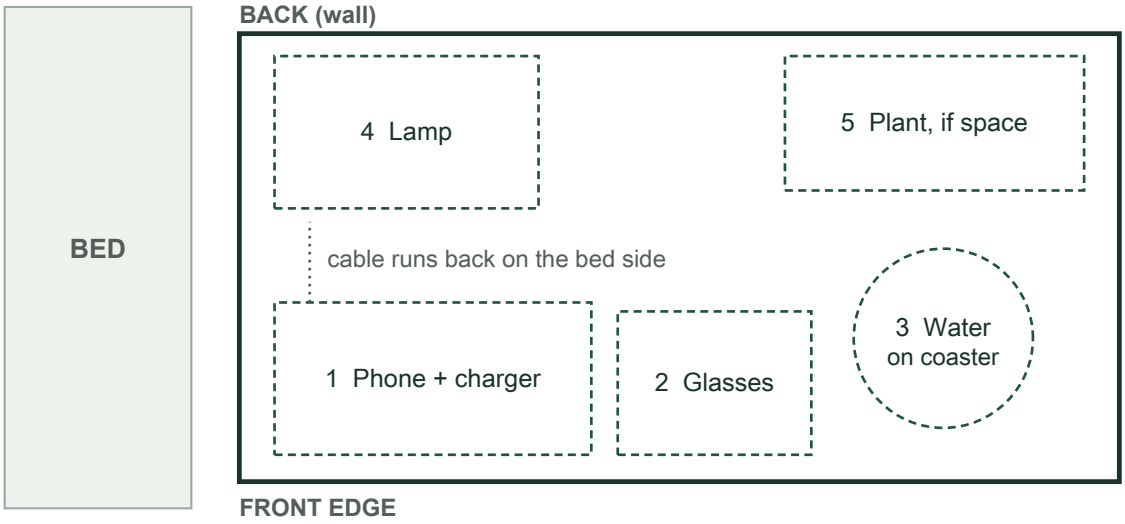
## 1. Nightstand top

Top size (width × depth): _____

Space left for a plant (width × depth): _____

## 2. Essentials-first layout (top view)




**Essentials first:** 1, 2 and 4 within reach from bed. 3 away from the cable and lamp. 5 only if space is left over.

## 3. Reach test from the bed

| Item | Where it sits | Reached without stretching | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Phone | | ☐ | |
| Glasses | | ☐ | |
| Water | | ☐ | |
| Lamp switch | | ☐ | |

## 4. Checks (tick when done)

- ☐ Water on a coaster, away from cables and the lamp
- ☐ Lamp switch reachable in the dark
- ☐ Plant at the back, away from the lamp and water, or left out
- ☐ Nothing hangs over the edge
- ☐ Plant pot dry; no water added