

ome of my favorite childhood memories are of sleepovers at grandma's house when my out-of-town cousins would visit for the summer. My grandmother didn't have a fancy bunk room, so we'd all pile on the pull-out couch and in sleeping bags on the floor of the family room. There was something so exciting about spending hours and hours talking with my cousins until way beyond our normal bedtime—and then the next morning we were all still together and ready to share in another day's adventures! A fancy bunk room is definitely not required for kids to have a great time together, but if my grandmother had a room in her house like any of these bunk rooms, I think my cousins and I would never have gone home. —Maureen Friedman

ORANGE YOU GLAD IT'S TIME FOR BED

From the bright orange notes in the furnishings to the Tootsie Pops-wrapper art above the flat-screen TV, everything about this room screams sleepover fun. With bunks for four plus two trundle beds, this finished attic room on Cape Cod can comfortably sleep six. Underbed storage drawers and built-in nooks provide plenty of spaces to stash toys and games.

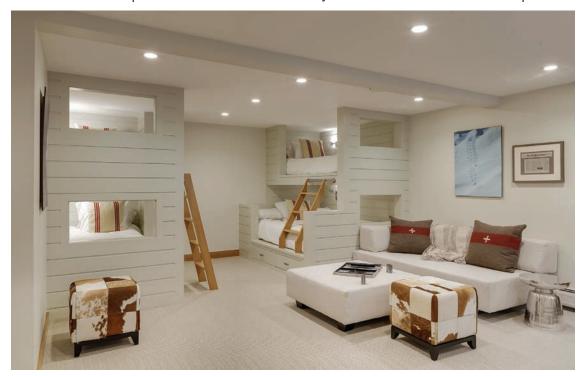
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LOWER-LEVEL LUXURY

The basement of this Stowe vacation home is the perfect space for the younger generation to have their own getaway. Openings in each bunk look into the room's play area, so the kids can get comfortable in bed but still socialize with friends and family. The double bed in one of the lower bunks breaks up the traditional twin-size bunk layout and is ideal for families or couples.



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Interior millwork and built-ins Donald P. Blake Jr., Inc., Morrisville, Vt., stowebuilder.com
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LIKE SLEEPING IN THE TREETOPS

With its rustic stained-pine walls, 10-ft.-high ceilings, and large windows, this bunkroom in a vacation home in northern Vermont feels spacious yet cozy. With double beds on the bottom and single bunks up top, it's a great space for children and adults to settle in for an extended stay. Located over the two-car garage, the room is separated from the main part of the house and offers lots of privacy for quiet reading or an afternoon nap.

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