

A Porch for All Hours

The challenge was to build cabinetry to make an ordinary Murphy bed fit in with the Adirondack-style decor of the customer's screen-porch: The successful result is shown in the photos below. By day, the bed is concealed

behind a bench seat, which is flanked by matching end tables. A cedar-lined chest serves as a coffee table (top left).

When the sun goes down, the porch can easily be transformed into a bedroom. The bench's back folds onto the seat (top right); the picture frame doubles as a handle (bottom right) to pull the bed down to rest upon the blanket chest (bottom left). Uplighting for mood and downlights for reading are mounted in the head-board, which also hides a stereo.

The four-piece unit was designed by master carpenters Mike Hover and Eric Smith in collaboration with Mary Gunion (the homeowner) and Ron Cascio (the owner of the design/build company Chestnut Creek, in Berlin, Md.). Hover and Smith crafted the furniture from beaded yellow pine, Philippine mahogany, and eastern red cedar. — Laurie Elden



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