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MAKEOVER**
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"I read once, probably in the '90s, that it was bad feng shui to keep anything under the bed—it blocks the chi, or something. Since then I've kept mine completely free of any items. My dog, Parker, doesn't share that philosophy, so he uses the space to store dog toys and bones. He likes to sleep there during the day, and when it's bath time, I always know where he's hiding."

MELANIE CODDINGTON

"I keep a Container Store wrapping paper bin under the guest bed. I couldn't bring myself to totally pull the skirt up to show you the ugly blue box springs, so I pulled the bin out and took the top off. My husband hates the idea of things under the bed, so that's why there's nothing under our own bed—definitely a lost storage opportunity in my opinion, but one must make compromises."

VICTORIA NEALE



"I dislike lofty beds with giant mattresses, but at the same time I want a little visual separation from the floor. I can't stand seeing a mattress or bed frame that sits right on the ground. This 1920s bed, by the French designer Jules Leleu, is the perfect compromise for me. It sort of levitates. Even if there were more room underneath, I still wouldn't store things there. If I don't have a proper place for something, I try not to bring it home in the first place."

CARLOS APARICIO



"Admittedly, this is the other side of the bed—the side you can't see from the doorway. I try to keep it tidy, but it's the spot for things that don't quite have a place of their own. Right now that includes shoes that don't fit in the closet, a box of old photos, current magazines, favorite books, and an old rolled-up kilim carpet."

MALCOLM JAMES KUTNER



"When I was growing up I had an incredible antique four-poster bed with an elaborate bed skirt. I loved using that space underneath as a fort. In my teenage years, it was great for hiding dirty dishes, clothes, and other debris. These days I'm far more fastidious, probably because there's no skirt. A box at the far end holds a dusty emergency ladder with metal rungs. I can't imagine we'd ever have enough time in a crisis to use it, but we keep it nonetheless. The only other things underneath are a yoga mat and a pair of exercise balls. Almost every night I feel compelled to pull out the mat for some quick floor exercises, but almost every night it stays unused. As for the exercise balls, I confess I've never retrieved them—and I have the arms to prove it."

MADELINE STUART ✱