

CHALLENGE 0

Identify problems with your current room that prevent it from being your "dream room."

1. **Ventilation.** The wall facing the exterior is pretty much one large window that does not have a screen. The way the suites are laid out around the shared kitchen and bathroom, this room in particular (right in front of the kitchen) receives the brunt of kitchen exhaust. Due to the window not having a screen, it is never open; since it is such a huge opening (roughly 8'x8'), even a crack is a sizable area. The most logical solution is to install a screen. Another solution may be to relocate the position of the door or the kitchen so it is much closer to the windows.
2. **Sun exposure.** This room faces towards the South and it is on the ninth floor, therefore the amount of sunlight that invades this room is plenty. There are blinds to tone down the sunlight, but it barely has any productive effects: it's too dark when used to block the sun. In order to minimize sun exposure a solution may be to manipulate the concrete extrusions that extend past the exterior walls (I assume it's part of the design), so that perhaps less sunlight will penetrate the room.
3. **Thermal/Insulation.** A huge problem mainly due to the window encompassing the exterior wall. Solution: less window.
4. **Space is minimal.** The complex provides each room with a set of furniture: twin size bed, desk, chair, floor lamp, desk lamp, mini fridge. Problem is that there is no way to rearrange said furniture to tenant's content. One huge factor is the fixed cabinet/dresser combo next to the door. Another problem: location of electrical outlets (prevents the possibility of changing the position of the fridge). Possible solution: Rearrange location of outlets and manipulate the existing built-in dresser/cabinet combo.