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**H1:** Six ways to make the most of a spare room

If you’re lucky enough to have a spare room in your property, make sure you put it to good use rather than making it a dumping ground for all your clutter [https://www.directline.com/home-insurance/home-and-garden/how-to-declutter-your-home].

Here are some of things you can do with your spare room into, and how to go about it…

**<h3>Turn it into your own home cinema**

If your spare room is big enough, then a projector will give you a real cinema feel, but these don’t come cheap, particularly once you factor in the extra cost of speakers. If you’re on a budget, your best bet is likely to be a wide-screen television mounted on the wall and a soundbar which includes lots of small speakers to help give you that authentic cinema sound.

Complete the look by putting in old cinema seats, which you can often find for just a few pounds in junk or charity shops, or on sites like eBay.

**<h3>Make it into a gym**

Obviously you’ll need a pretty big spare room if you want to house several big bits of gym equipment, but even if you’ve only got limited space you can still use it as a space to get fit.

Most spare rooms will be large enough for either a cycling or running machine, or you can just use your room for yoga or lifting weights. Think of all those gym subscription fees you could save by working out at home, too.

**<h3>Get your own walk-in wardrobe**

If your spare room isn’t really big enough to fit a bed in, why not turn it into your own walk-in wardrobe? Not only will it free up some space in your bedroom, but it’s also not a big job – all you need are some hanging rails and shelving for shoes and bags, plus of course a mirror to admire your outfits in.

**<h3>Use it as a library**

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If you’re a bookworm and have piles of books stacked up around your home, why not clear them out of the way and transform your spare room into a library? Fitting bookshelves needn’t be expensive if you do it yourself and it will mean all your favourite books are easily accessible. Throw in your favourite armchair and a nice lamp you can enjoy browsing through your books in comfort.

**<h3>Use it for your hobbies**

Having a dedicated room where you can enjoy your favourite hobby - whether it is gaming, practising music, painting, or even just doing puzzles - can often inspire you to spend more time on the thing or things you like doing most.

Don’t be shy about what you use it for – it’s your space to transform into whatever you want it to be, so if you want your own games room with a snooker table and darts board, go for it.

**<h3>Turn it into a study**

Finding a space in your home where you are able to concentrate can be difficult if your living area downstairs is small and there are several people battling over what they want to watch on TV. Make your spare room into a study so you can focus on any work or other projects in peace. All you need is a desk, a chair, a light and a filing cabinet where you can store any important paperwork.

**<h3>Finally…**

If none of these options floats your boat, then why not consider making your spare room work for you by letting it out to a lodger?

You can earn up to £7,500 tax-free a year from renting out a furnished room in your home, but you’ll need to let your insurer know as this could affect your cover.

Find out more about letting out a spare room in our article Top 10 tips on renting out a room'.