

**TIME AFTER TIME** — Don't be late for your Tuesday/Thursday classes because your alarm clock is set for your Monday/Wednesday/Friday wakeup time. You can set the Neverlate 7-Day Alarm Clock to rouse you at different times on different days. The clock (\$34.98, at [www.dormbuys.com](http://www.dormbuys.com)) also has a nap timer.

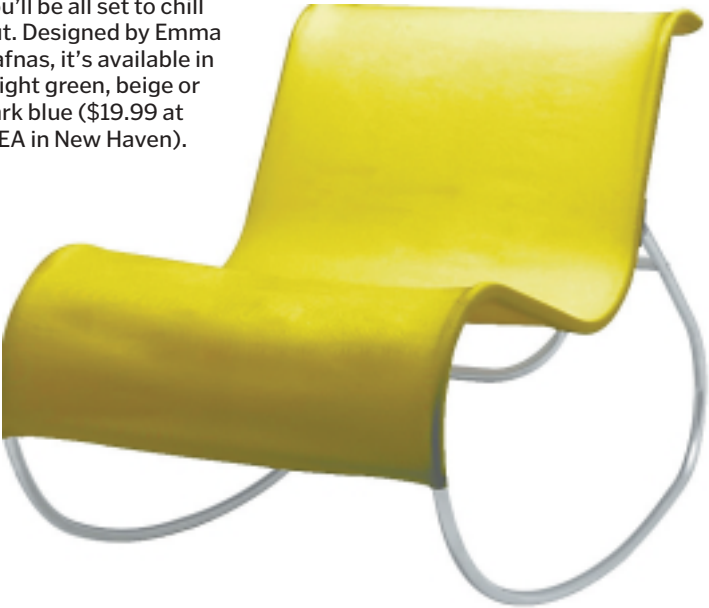


**COMFORT UNDERFOOT** — An area rug is a quick way to jazz up your room. You can take a study break and play Twister on this rug, designed with colorful hand-tufted dots against a hand-hooked vanilla field. The Dots rug measures 5 by 8 feet (\$299 from Crate and Barrel's new CB2 catalog or at [www.cb2.com](http://www.cb2.com)).

**OUT OF SIGHT** — Store your stuff in this plastic locker on wheels, in black or white (\$29, at [www.thecontainerstore.com](http://www.thecontainerstore.com)).



**ROCK AND RELAX** — Put IKEA's Emmabo rocking chair next to your mini-fridge, and you'll be all set to chill out. Designed by Emma Dafnas, it's available in bright green, beige or dark blue (\$19.99 at IKEA in New Haven).



SOME THINGS YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU HAVE  
WHEN YOU MOVE INTO THAT TINY ROOM  
WITH THE BATHROOM DOWN THE HALL

# DORM & FUNCTION

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If you're heading to a college dorm this month, you've probably already bought the extra-long sheets you'll need to fit your twin bed.

But what about the rest of the stuff to make your room comfortable and maybe even a bit stylish?

We consulted with some experts — college students who have lived in dorms — and then went shopping to find some dorm gotta-haves (like a reading backrest for studying in bed, so you don't give in to the siren call of the pillows) and the would-be-nice-to-haves.

While you're at it, don't forget a laundry bag (pop-up hampers are cool), a power strip or extension cords and even — gasp — an ironing board and iron.



**SHOWER POWER** — You'll want a shower caddy big enough for your shampoo, conditioner, soap, facial scrub, gel, razor and other bathing necessities. This plastic tote has holes in the bottom so it won't fill up with water. The basket tote comes in navy, white, light blue, red or purple (\$9.99 at Bed Bath and Beyond or [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com)).



**MIDNIGHT SNACK** — Pottery Barn's Teens Supercool Fridge includes a freezer compartment for ice cream. The 19-inch cube mini-fridge comes in navy, pool blue, silver or pink (\$199 at [www.potterybarnteen.com](http://www.potterybarnteen.com)).



**IT'S A BREEZE** — Tiny dorm rooms get stuffy, which makes the Vornado 510S Compact Air feel like a breath of fresh air. And if you've got a noisy roommate, you'll appreciate the "white noise," too. The Vornado fan comes in black or slate gray (\$39.99 at Linens 'n Things in Farmington and other stores, or from [www.vornado.com](http://www.vornado.com)).