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AFTER THE PARTIES AND PRESENTS, IT'S TIME FOR A LITTLE R&R ON A TOP-NOTCH MATTRESS. HERE'S WHAT THE BEST OF THE BEST HAVE TO OFFER.

THE ULTIMATE SLEEP

Hästens

CLAIM TO FAME: Established in 1852 and family-owned for five generations, the company handcrafts every mattress in Sweden. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes catch their Zs on their top-of-the-line Vividus.

PERKS: Only natural fibres are used and the mattresses' main component, horsehair, is an exceptional temperature regulator — crucial for eliminating allergy-triggering dust mites and ensuring a comfortable sleep. Individual springs are wrapped in flax so the metal won't cause static electricity.

BEST FOR: The environmentally aware. All mattresses are 100 per cent biodegradable and hold multiple eco-certifications.

PRICE: From \$3,490 to \$69,995 for a handmade mattress.



Hypnos

CLAIM TO FAME: This British company holds a Royal Warrant: The Queen, along with the entire royal family, rests on a Hypnos — as does the queen of talk shows, Oprah Winfrey.

PERKS: This all-natural mattress is upholstered in a custom-made damask with an especially tight weave that prevents skin cells (and dust mites) from penetrating the mattress. Honeycomb nested coils are centre tied so that they work independently to minimize movement in the mattress.

BEST FOR: Long-term use. The Queen Mother used the same Hypnos mattress for more than 70 years.

PRICE: \$1,500 to \$2,500 (machine made); \$3,000 to \$14,000 (handmade).



Dux

CLAIM TO FAME: The deluxe Burj Al Arab hotel in Dubai, famous for its sail-shaped structure and seven-star reputation, assigns its rooms a personal butler and Dux beds. Certain mattresses offer independently adjustable lumbar support.

PERKS: Couples don't have to fight over soft versus firm. Two models even offer firm from the waist up and soft below. Plus, no more squeaking — ever. Cotton batting between the springs prevents this tell-tale sign of age. Mattresses also come with a top pad that can be replaced every 10 to 12 years.

BEST FOR: Couples with different comfort demands.

PRICE: \$3,925 to \$13,665.



— NANCY RIPTON

WEB WATCH



Special-edition pink Global Service plates by Barnaby Barford for Nymphenburg. 20 editions made. Approx. \$11,890/set of 14.



Champagne tong stopper set by G. Lorenzi. 30 editions made. Approx. \$



D40 glass vase by Paola Petrobelli. 20 editions made. Approx. \$3,430.

One of a Kind

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Backgammon set by Geoffrey Parker. Shagreen inlay; sterling silver inlay checkers; alligator case. 20 editions made. Approx. \$15,500.

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