

Bureaus

Dressers, bureaus and armoires are leftovers from the not-so-distant days when closets were small or nonexistent. Today, built-in closets complete with drawers, shelves and racks make dressers less critical. To many, however, bureaus are attractive pieces of furniture in their own right.

Dressers and bureaus are generally 18 in. deep. Don't place them too close to your bed - allow at least 3 ft. to pull the drawers out. Locate dressers near the bathroom door if you have an attached bath.

Dressers are chests of drawers that come in single, double or triple widths. The standard height is 30 in. A double dresser is about 75 in. wide.

Bureaus are taller than dressers, with four or five drawers.

Armoires are tall wooden cabinets with doors. Traditionally they were closets to hang clothing, but new styles tend to have shelves built in. They're great for storing just about anything, in any room.