

## DIVERSIFYING BEDROOM

There has been virtually no request on bedrooms but the question whether a couple lie in bed or futon on the floor. However, bedroom is more problematic than it looks, to the degree that some architects boast a bedroom design that can drive the couple into divorce. It might be just that it has been a kind of taboo that nobody has wanted to broach.

For newlyweds it may be possible, but in general it gradually gets harder and harder to ignore the partner's snoring, roll-over, and the difference in when to sleep and rise. It seems that both are enduring for each other. Frank expression of unsaid opinions and complaints will help solve the bedroom problem that has haunted the two for a long time.

The answer may be twin bed not to transmit vibration, or rolling screen in between to let one read a book while the other is sleeping. It may result in even separate bed rooms, or a suit of semi-separate bedrooms where futon-lover husband sleep on tatami floor and bed-lover wife lie in western bed, for example. This way can offer a bedroom for guests when necessary, rather than having a dead guest room.

Bedroom has come to be able to respond to various demands as it diversifies. Sometimes it is a good way for domestic peace to separate bedroom, complacently and ironically saying "cold war on the domestic front." As the saying goes, hopefully, absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Some couples start to have their own separate bedrooms later in life, but it seems better to share the same space to feel each other's presence. That way it is much easier and faster to react to an emergency, and feels much safer and assured to have someone close to you.