

Calvin University Stackable Furniture Arrangements

The following illustrations provide examples of possible room arrangements using the stackable furniture provided in each residence hall room.

Covid / Health Safety Tip: Try to arrange beds so that your head is at least 6 feet from your roommate's head or under your roommate (like in a bunk formation).

- Not every arrangement shown will work in every room on campus, but these illustrations may help spark creativity for other arrangements.



All furniture pieces are the same height, allowing for multiple, interchangeable ways to stack.



Classic Bunk

Each bed can be flipped over (after mattress and boards are removed) and used either direction, to create differing heights between beds.



Lofted Single

A single bed, supported on its legs on top of dresser/desk and bookcase combinations. (Shown here with side arm out to act as bedrail).



Nested Single

A single bed with the dressers (or desks, or bookcases) nested underneath, with the bed legs hanging over the edges. Supporting furniture must be rotated to support the full width of the bed.



Lofted Single

Same as above, with side arm to the outside and arranged near the window. Roommate can have same arrangement by door.



Nested Bunk

NOT PERMITTED. When two beds are bunked, the bottom bed's legs must be supported, not hanging over unsupported.



Lofted Nested Single

A single bed nested over combinations of desk/dresser and bookcases. Can be replicated by the window for a roommate.



Elevated Bunk

A bunk arrangement stacked on top of dressers (beds supported on legs). May not fit on hallway wall of every room. Must have pins in at least one side. (Other side should be >1 inch from edge.)



Double Individual Lofts

Two individual Lofted singles (can be nested or on legs), which can be arranged in various places in the room.



Trundle

A single bed stacked on another single at a 90° angle, using the side rails of both. End of upper bed can be supported by any furniture piece.



Double Loft – shared center support

Two individual Lofted singles (on legs), sharing the center support of two stacked dressers.



Elevated Trundle

Same as Trundle, but elevated by furniture pieces on each corner. [May not fit on hallway wall of every room]. Must have pins in at least one side of lower bed.



Bunk with Approved Stilts**

Allows for dressers under bunk beds, with legs properly supported. Requires EXTRA furniture piece. Limited availability. Please inquire after the First week of classes.



Stacking Notes

- No tools are needed to arrange the furniture at any time.
- Steel pins must be inserted in the holes of the furniture before another piece can be stacked on top of it.



- The long pins should be used when stacking a bed on top of another; the short pins should be used in any other arrangement.
- Beds can be positioned at two heights ((a) and (b) below); to change heights, remove mattress and platform boards and then flip bed over.



(a) *Mattress is higher*

(b) *Mattress is lower*

- If side-boards are not where you need them to be (for a trundled stack, for example) after flipping over a bed, side-boards may be moved by a Building Service staff member using an Allen Wrench.
- Additional lumber or home-made supports may not be used in the stacking of any furniture.

Safety

- Always use two people to lift and stack furniture.
- Always use pins where possible, to secure furniture when stacking.
- If you notice any loose connectors, contact your Area Coordinator or a Building Services Staff member immediately.
- Dressers or bookcases “nested” under a single bed may not be sideways. The full width of the bed must be supported (see figures to the right).
[And yes, this makes dressers hard to use—bookcases are a better option for this lower set-up.]



Additional Accessories

** You may get creative with other room accessories, such as coffee tables, shelves, ladders, etc. that you purchase elsewhere or bring from home. Please do NOT permanently mount items with screws, nails, non-removeable adhesives, etc. or disassemble beds or other hardware in the room.

** Although there occasionally ladders that are passed on from student to student, Calvin University does not provide ladders. Be creative, depending on the height of your bed, using a chair, head- or foot-boards of beds, folding ladders, or homemade ladders (used at your own risk, of course!)