



Covert Nap Quarters

This built-in bed alcove in Centerport, New York, has the tucked-away feeling of a sleeping berth on a boat, and double the design potential—not a bad spot to set yourself adrift.

GIVE YOURSELF SOME

space A queen-size bed (as opposed to a king) means extra breathing room under low-sloping ceilings. Bonus: it leaves just enough space for a slim nightstand built right in.

CREATE STRIKING SLOPES

Patterned wallpaper turns tricky wall angles into roomdefining design elements.

Patterns with a symmetrical repeat such as this one help create a feeling of equilibrium and harmony.

HIT MUTE This dusky shade of blue paint (Labrador Blue by Benjamin Moore) is restful and quiet, ideal for dialing down energy and instilling a sense of peace. White bedding gives deep nooks like this one a feeling of openness and light.

INCLUDE THE TOP BRASS

Step up the ship's-cabin sensibility with unlacquered brass accents, such as a flexible reading light and a sconce reminiscent of a porthole window.