

I Love My Men's DEN

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MAN DEN = Feature Flat Screen Wall + Recliner + Cabinet with Hidden Fridge + Ottoman with Insert + Remote Caddy



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Creating a Men's Den He'll Love

The first thing to understand is the difference between a “man cave” and a *Men's Den*. The cave is a place for solitude and privacy, where your man goes to chill in his overstuffed hunter green recliner, unbothered. The *Men's Den* is the modern answer to that cave. It's a space that men are excited to invite the guys into for the game, or even invite us in for a movie night.

With new innovative design paired with the hottest bells & whistles, the *Men's Den* has a sophisticated feeling. It's a space he loves and is proud of.

Comfortable & Smart Furniture

I love to use leather seating with a double down fill for added comfort. If leather isn't an option, the hottest trend right now is Crypton Fabrics. Previously, it was mainly used in medical and commercial furniture for its spill-proof capabilities and high-traffic durability. Now, Crypton is manufactured in gorgeous home fabrics with affordable applications.

For feature furniture in the *Men's Den*, I love the Vanguard ottoman with an insert for beverages or, as one of my client's use it for, an ice bucket! Another designer trick is hiding a mini-fridge in a stylish cabinet. Men tend to lean towards brown and beige colors—I combine that with grey and blue tones to give it an updated look.

Technology

These days, everything comes with a remote, so a stylish remote caddy is mandatory. The biggest remote in the caddy is for your man's top necessity—the XL flat screen. What he may not realize is the importance of how it's fashioned! A stylish media center is the difference between the “cave” and *the Den*.

For additional visual comfort, I recommend the motorized double shade. Press the first button to roll out the 5% solar shade for daytime card playing or conversation, then press the second to transition to a blackout shade to eliminate glare for a more comfortable Netflix binge. Keeping the shade simple & contemporary creates the illusion of a larger space.

Featured Game Area

Most men love playing games—it's a time for comradery and socialization. At least one featured game area should be in the *Men's Den* room setting.

We know our men love recliners, or a large chair and ottoman. I recommend shopping trips to make sure the comfort and style works for your man's personality. There are many stylish recliners available. I often use this custom Lazar Furniture piece shown above.

The most important thing to consider is your man's individuality—what he feels is important for his comfort, leisure, and fun. Remember, the *Men's Den* is a place in which he takes pride—a place he wants to keep inviting us back to. ■

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