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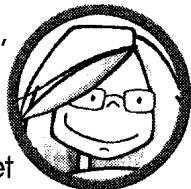
R U a boudoir beauty or a bedroom banana? Dare ya to find out!

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★ Want to be Mates? ★

The name's Molly, Molly White. (Bit dull, I know – I'm currently thinking up an exotic middle name, got any ideas?) It's great to meet you and I can tell we're going to get along just great!



Me and my friends, Flower, Bubble, Missy and Princess (aka the Best Mates), love thinking up ways we can improve the everyday lives of girlkind throughout this planet we call "Earth". (Why we gave our own bit of the universe such a boring name and wasted brilliant names like Venus on other bits is beyond me.) But anyway, to get back to what I was saying, if you're looking for top-quality advice sprinkled with the odd rubbish joke, then look no further than right here! It is our mission to serve you, oh Earth maiden!

Before I introduce you to the rest of the Best Mates, here's a bit more about me:

Full name: Molly ____ (insert exciting middle-name suggestion here) White

Distinguishing features: Dazzling beauty and huge brain!

(OK, I've got brown sticky-out hair, I'm a bit short and my nerdy teachers reckon I've got "potential"!)

Family history: One male parent (Dad), one female parent (Mum) and one incredibly annoying, very stupid twin brother (Billy = spotty male). We reside in a boring town I call Dullsville, located in the county of Spamshire.

Life would be utterly dull without: Long words, chocolate, poetry, most music and hanging out in my bedroom with the Mates.

Pet peeves: Stupid people, pollution, Brussels sprouts (one question: why?) and uninvited snoopers entering my bedroom (especially ones called Billy).

Current bedroom decor: Relaxed bohemian vibe (OK, it's really messy), walls painted deep, dark purple and midnight blue, with gold stars on the ceiling, bulging bookcases and lots of big velvet cushions and throws.

Over to you now, Best Mates – tell our new Mate all about yourselves!





Flower



AKA: Flower Spirit Delaney (Molly: "Now, *that's* what I call a groovy middle name!")

Life would be utterly dull without:

"Nature! I adore all animals and wildlife. And I'm really into aromatherapy, feng shui and stuff like that."

Pet peeves: "Cruelty to animals, and bullying."

Fave bedroom feature: "My canopy bed!"



Bubble



AKA: Cybil Bubridge (Molly: "And I moan about *my* name!")

Life would be utterly dull without:

"Having a laugh with the Mates, shouting, running (I'm the top sprinter in my school – boast!), scoffing pizzas and really, really loud music."

Pet peeves: "Wusses and having to share a bedroom with my soppy little sister."

Fave bedroom feature: "The collage of photos me and the Mates have made over the years!"



Missy



AKA: Nora Baxter (Molly: "We only ever call her Missy though!")

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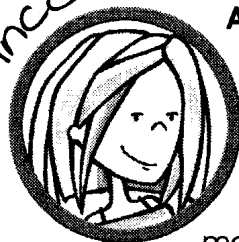
"My mobile, R&B music, cool clothes, and gossip!"

Pet peeves: "A low battery, oh, and too much homework, 'cos it gets in the way of my busy social schedule!"

Fave bedroom feature: "My funky orange and black colour scheme!"



Princess



AKA: Pandora Elizabeth Alexandra Moxbury (Molly: "How many posh names can one girl have, eh?!")

Life would be utterly dull without:

"Shopping, art, painting and glossy magazines."

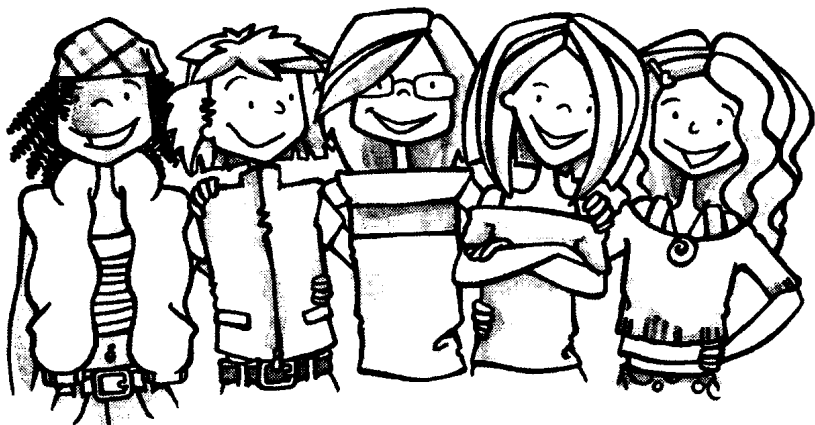
Pet peeves: "Untidiness, having no money and mean people."

Fave bedroom feature: "'The Salon' – well that's what we Mates call it – it's just my dressing table really, but it's crammed with beauty products and it's where we spend hours doing makeovers!"



So your room needs a blitz, huh? Luckily you've come to the right place. This book is bursting with the best blitzing tips and latest lush looks for cool bedrooms. Read on and we'll show you how to:

- ★ Persuade your parents to do things *your way*!
- ★ Turn a dull room into a dazzling dream-palace!
- ★ Free your inner artist and become a sensational style queen, greatly admired by all you meet!



All those in favour of joining the Best Mates on their intrepid voyage into bedroom-blitzing, turn the page now!

Congratulations, Mate, you're in! Now, as you're officially one of us, it's my pleasure to offer you our sacred pledge:



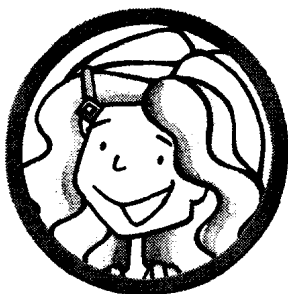
The Best Mates' pledge

1. To be on hand with our expert advice 24/7, sleeping by your side if necessary.
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2. To never get the hump with you - even if you completely ignore our advice.
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3. To ~~never~~ hardly ever snigger at your many, many mistakes, mad fads and truly bonkers brainwaves.
★
4. Basically, you have our undying love, loyalty blah de blah de blah and can borrow any of our things, any time ... for eternity!

Hmm. With a lick of gold paint, that pledge would look lovely hung above your bed. Ooh, hark at me, I've started already! That must mean it's time for our first chapter...

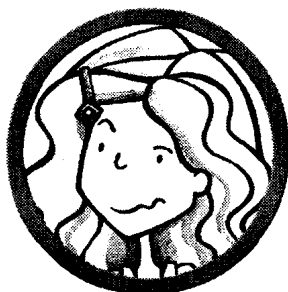
Let the Blitzing Begin!

“First up, let’s take a moment to really love our bedrooms!”

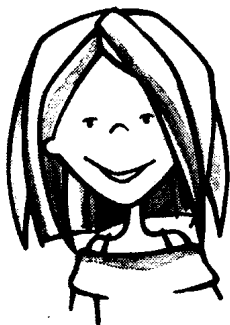


“Uh-oh! Flower’s having one of her hippy-dippy moments!”

“No, seriously! My mum, who I admit is a bit of a hippy, told me before I did up my room that I had to really think about what I used my ‘space’ for and to really appreciate it. That way I would know how to ‘style’ it.”



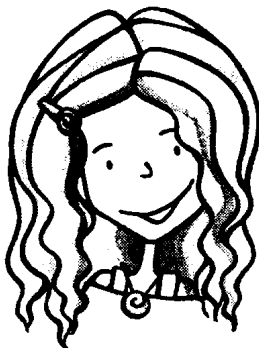
That sounds reasonable. I love my room ‘cos it’s where my beloved bed is, and I do like my ZZZZs! Mates, why do you love your bedrooms?



“I can do my own thing
without being spied on!”



“Because it’s where I go to think
about things.”



“It’s where I keep all my gear.”



its where me &
tha m8s chill



“OK, so bedrooms are great!
Now grab the glitter paint, Mate,
and let's decorate!”



Hmm, nice rapping, Bubble, but before our Mate starts slapping paint around like a loon, she's got to have worked out her answers to three very important little questions, which we shall call:

The BM's pre-blitz triple challenge!

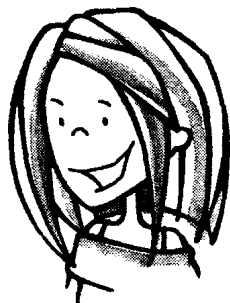
OK, so I've given this bit a fancy-pants title to disguise the fact that this is where you have to think sensibly about the three key things before you begin your bedroom makeover.



We must warn you that failure to think about these three practical considerations will mean you'll be destined to live forever in a pit of disorganized chaos, with zero style and really naff furniture chosen by your mum when you were, like, five!

Sensible thought 1: How can I get my parents' permission?

“Oh, I can help with this bit! I've become something of an expert in the field of problem-parent persuading, having had many years practising on two particularly stubborn specimens – my mum and dad!”



tell 'em about
tha wheedle, P!



“Ah, yes, The Wheedle is a special sneaky tactic that we BMs use to persuade or trick our parents into letting us have what we want. Let me demonstrate... You will note that I've included two kinds of wheedle. The average parent can usually be persuaded using the mini wheedle, but if they're being majorly stubborn you might have to use more extreme action – the major wheedle. Look out for more Persuaders as we go!”

Princess's Parent Persuader No 1

YOU WANT: to makeover your bedroom.

THE PARENTS WANT: you to leave things as they are.

TYPICAL PARENT QUOTE: "But your room's very pretty as it is and anyway I thought you liked fluffy bunny rabbits."

MINI WHEEDLE: Show them not only that you've moved on since your room was last done (circa a gubillion years ago) but also that you are sensible and responsible by bagging up all the things in your room that you've grown out of - old dolls, clothes, etc - and tell them you'd like to give them to the local charity shop. Finally, win them over by showing them your super-organized plans for your bedroom revamp.

MAJOR WHEEDLE: Make a promise that if you are allowed to makeover your room you will keep it tidy for ever - mums are unable to refuse this offer.

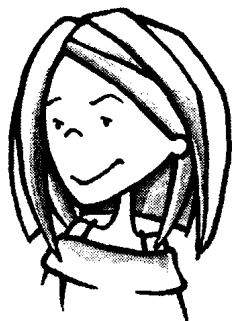
However, if you still face resistance, you could plead that a new-look bedroom would very probably inspire greater homework productivity.

Nice wheedling, Princess! Once you've sorted out The Parents and got their permission for an all-out bedroom blitz, the next thing to do is to plan your budget and schedule.



“Yawnsville!”

“Don't listen, Mate! Bubble tried to skip this bit when she was revamping her room, and she ended up having to paint her walls *after* her new shelves had been put up – she got paint everywhere! And then she blew her budget on takeaway pizza for us Mates, which meant she never got her room finished!”



“I'm gonna get around to it soon, no probs!”

Yeah, right! The choice is yours, Mate. Do you want to be a Bumblesome Bubble or a Sorted Sister?