



COLLEGE LIFE



Maximizing The Minimal Space Of A Dorm Room

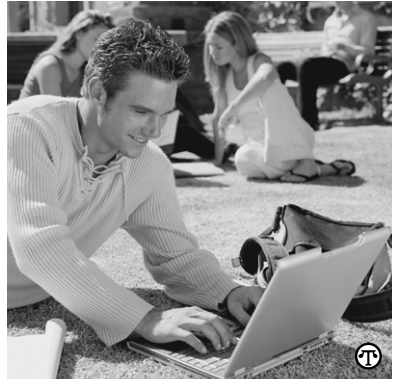
(NAPSA)—While it may be true that “less is more,” college students often find themselves trying to do more with less—specifically, the compact space of a dorm room.

Consider that the average “double” starts with two beds, two desks and two chairs. Add in the fact that the average freshman arrives on campus with 18 gadgets in tow (according to a recent study). Throw in clothes, books and personal items and there’s not much room left to walk around, much less get comfortable and hit the books.

Fortunately, there are a number of space-saving solutions—also known as “convergence products”—that can help turn a dorm room from a study in clutter to an efficient apartment. For example, since most colleges require students to bring a computer, why not get a laptop (or desktop) that has a DVD player built in? In fact, a recent RadioShack study found that the number one item on college students’ wish lists is a laptop. Or choose a portable DVD player, that also hooks into your television, for either personal use in between classes or big-screen viewing with friends during study breaks.

You can save space on your desk by going with a 3-in-1 unit instead of individual accessories. By combining the functions of a printer, scanner and photocopier in a single machine, you not only condense the amount of room needed but also reduce the cost with a single purchase instead of three.

The idea that big things come in small packages is especially true when it comes to music. Rather than setting up a stereo system with all its components and toting your entire CD collection, simply store your favorite tracks on a MP3 player or iPod. This way, you can carry your tunes with you to class and have an instant jukebox for a



Notebook computers are topping college students’ wish lists letting them work in and out of their dorm rooms.

study break. One option is the MyMusix MP3 player. This 2” x 2” gadget holds up to a gigabyte of music and plays MP3 and WMA formats. This compact gizmo, along with iPods and iPod minis, are available at RadioShack.

To enhance your listening experience, there are the portable JBL On Tour Speakers—which run on batteries or AC power—and the Altec Lansing Speakers and Docking Station for iPods. For crystal clear radio reception and to keep tuning in your favorite sports team’s broadcasts—no matter how far from home you’ve gone—there’s the Sirius Satellite Radio. Its compact receivers and hundreds of channel options make it a terrific choice for the dorm, as well as the car or on the go.

Eliminate the tangle of cords with RadioShack’s exclusive collection of iGo products. These adapters—including the iGo Juice and the iGo everywherepower15—work with multiple accessories, from wireless phones to iPods to digital cameras, keeping you powered through the school year.

To find the right stuff for a dorm room, visit a nearby RadioShack store or www.RadioShack.com.