



Daydreamer

Inspired by the way Indian women entertain in the home, the transformable Daydreamer offers multiple functions to suit small spaces. The female guests gather and socialize in the bedroom, while the men entertain in the living room. I set out to offer a piece of furniture that could allow the bedroom to feel like an entertaining space while maintaining the functions of the bedroom. A raised bed is a symbol of status, but the size and cost restrictions are often prohibitive for this to be an option. On my visit to India, I heard on many occasions that a sofa-come-bed would be a valuable piece of furniture, however, it is one of the most expensive furniture options available in India. By re-interpreting the sofa bed, removing complicated and expensive hardware, and keeping in mind local materials and craft/ fabrication capabilities, the Daydreamer offers an affordable, space saving sofa during the day, and a raised bed at night.

While Daydreamer was inspired by women turning the bedroom into a social gathering space, it may also be used in the living room to transform it into a real second bedroom at night, accommodating guests and in-laws.



Day

plan view: open / bed



Night

plan view: open / bed



Bed frame: Locally sourced mango wood, or similar hard wood that is abundant and/or sustainably managed.

Platform: Plywood is abundant in the Indian marketplace.



Hinges: Standard hinges replace expensive sofa-bed mechanisms.

Assembly: Existing training and manufacturing programs such as Maya Organics, Dovetail or Goodwill International can expand to include furniture manufacturing, providing additional local jobs.



Mattress: Additional jobs can be created by supporting local mattress / upholstery crafts people.

cushions: Customization of the cushions with India's rich textiles reflects the variety seen in the mixture of pattern, color, texture in women's attire.