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12 products to add to your shopping cart for back to school

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As you're doing your college shopping, step away from the bedding and don't forget to pick up some of these often-overlooked dorm necessities. Here are several things you need to create a visually appealing space you can call home. The list has it all — from comfortable seating to environmentally friendly electronics to dorm-safe kitchen appliances. Add these products to your shopping list and ease the transition from the nest to your new residence for the next four years.

1. Comfort Supreme Plus five-zone foam twin extra-long mattress topper. A 1 1/2 inches thick, 100 percent polyurethane foam, hypoallergenic pad with a 5-year warranty. \$19.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond or <http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com>.
2. Organizer Desk Lamp. Lamp with tape dispenser, storage compartments and a gooseneck stand. Uses a 60-watt Type A bulb (not included). \$14.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond or <http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com>.
3. Atlantis Brita Water Filtration Pitcher. Flip-top lid with a 1 1/2-quart capacity, reusable filter with replacement indicator. \$22.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond or <http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com>.
4. Cooks microwave. \$69.99 at JCPenney or <http://jcpenny.com>.
5. **Mark My Time** Bookmark. Keeps track of how much time you've been reading and has a built in alarm. \$8.95 at <http://www.target.com> only.
6. Hooded Wrap Bath Robe. Machine washable, 80 percent cotton, 20 percent polyester. \$16.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond or <http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com>.
7. Bedside Storage Caddy. Features three deep pockets and three mesh pockets. \$9.99 at Bed Bath & Beyond or <http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com>.
8. Assorted shower curtains. \$9.99 at Target or <http://www.target.com>
9. Paisley folding chair. \$19.99 at Target or <http://www.target.com>.
10. Kalorik Sunny Morning 10-cup coffee maker. Plastic, removable parts are dishwasher safe, \$24.99 at <http://www.target.com> only.
11. Dickies Messenger Bag. This bag serves as a convenient laptop bag or can carry books. \$19.99 at JCPenney or <http://jcpenny.com>.
12. Solar Crank Radio. Portable, AM/FM radio. Features hand-crank for emergency power, solar-powered.

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