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Where do you live? Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn

Who do you share your bed with? My partner, Colten

What size bed do you sleep in? Queen

What brand of sheets do you use? I just got these really

cool sheets from Target. I don't usually use a specific brand, but they have to have a really high thread count, like, more than 360.

How many pillows? And where did you get them? Four, and I got them from the Company Store.

What's your bedspread or blanket like? Where did you get it? It's a black comforter from my father's bed. He passed away in 1995, and this is the comforter he slept with.

Do you read in bed? Yeah.

Tristan Taormino with Colten and Jordan by Sylvia Plachy

What is your current bedside reading? My partner and I have started this ritual of listening to books on tape before we go to bed. Usually it's, like, mysteries. When I read in bed it'll be something light—*Adult Video News* or *Entertainment Weekly*.

What else is on your bedside table? A lamp, tissues, a glass of water.

And in the drawer? There's a drawer and a cabinet door: between my table and my partner's, about 15 sex toys. These are not all the ones we own, but they're the ones we like to keep close by. And there's lube, baby wipes, batteries, Breathe Right nasal strips—they relieve congestion.

What else do you like to do in bed? I like to do nothing—to relax. There's no TV in my bedroom, no bookshelves... not a lot besides the bed and some photographs and some art. I don't even have a phone in my bedroom. I want to shut the door and leave all that behind. I don't do work in my bed, and I don't want a lot of distraction. I just want to be there and be present, not make my bed like the den, where everything happens. I want it to be a sanctuary—really, really calming. My favorite thing to do is cuddle with my two dogs—Jordan, a Boston terrier, and Reggie Love, a mutt who looks like a cross between a Lab and a whippet—and my partner. At night Reggie sleeps in her own bed, on Colten's side: an ottoman with a green down comforter. Jordan sleeps in a crate on my side.

What's under your bed? Omigosh. Two boxes which contain hundreds of ribbons that I won over eight years when I rode horses competitively as a child.

How would you describe the decor of your bedroom? Shades of green and pale yellow; it's very calming. My sheets are purple, and I have a windowseat with a purple cushion. There's an element of purple in every room in my house.

What's the last thing you do before falling asleep? I tell Colten that I love him.

Do you sleep in the nude? Usually.

If not, what do you typically wear to bed? A T-shirt.

COME TO BED

By Jennifer Snow

