



VELUX®

Inspiring Home Series:

Reimagine Your Bonus Room
with Skylights

Designing Your Dream Bonus Room

Bonus rooms are notorious for being the room that catches our extra stuff. That oddly shaped space. The room that has a purpose but no real design focus. Ever thought about changing that?

It's time to design a bonus room worth showing off. The first step you should take is deciding what you want your bonus room to become. It could be a movie room, playroom, or even an art studio. You have a lot of different options that can transform your space and give it less of that bonus room feel.

If you're ready to define your bonus room and create something more than just extra space, here's your first design tip: Look up and imagine your bonus room in a whole new natural light with skylights!





Open your space in
a way light bulbs and
paint never could.





Room for Endless Possibilities

Let's talk about your bonus room. You know, the funky-shaped space with low ceilings. It's probably above the garage with a staircase of its own. You turn on a renovation show to see immaculate bonus rooms filled with happy families spending time together, but how do you transform your own bonus room? We have a few ideas!

Before going to work on your bonus room, answer one question. What will you use this room for? It could be anything! It could be a game room, a home movie theater, playroom, home office, a gym, or even an extra bedroom. You've got options—you just need to pick one.

If you're thinking about a game room, opting for hardwood floors can make it easier to slide around tables or add in heavier furniture, like a pool table, without worrying about the carpet. Or if it's a kid's play room, comfy furniture and ample storage areas for all their toys can make the room a fun area while keeping it organized.

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Natural lighting can be ideal for both your health and your energy bill.





Other options for your bonus room could include:

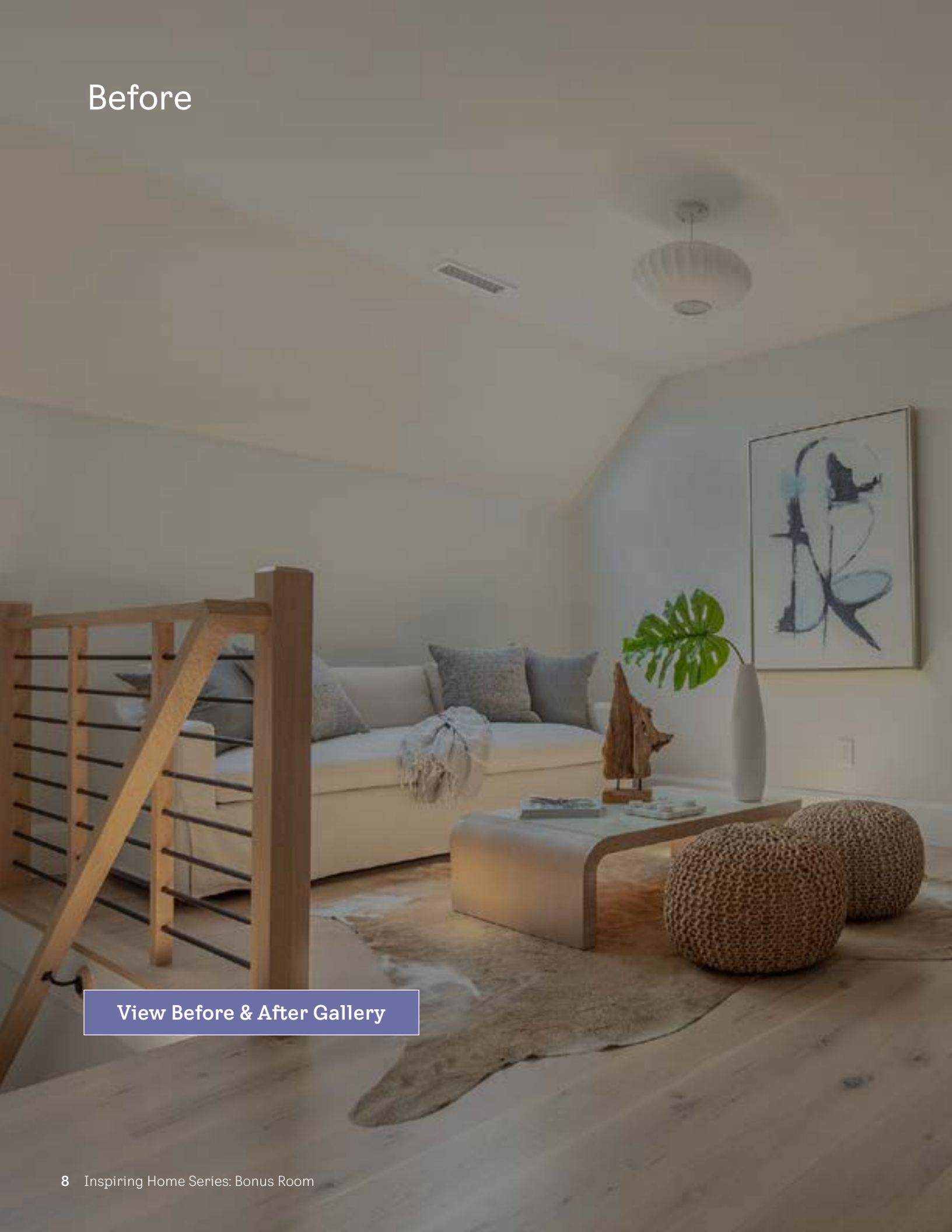
Homework Space: A distraction-free room that provides a great work environment for your kids to get all their school work out of the way. Pick cool and calm colors to help with productivity and a good work station.

The Cave: We've heard of the "man cave," but your bonus room doesn't just have to be for the men in your family. Create a space where it's comfortable to relax and watch television or play a game. All you need are comfy couches, fun memorabilia, and a big TV.

Art Space: Whether you love to paint, take photos, or play music, the bonus room could become the extra space you need. Instead of crowding the kitchen table or playing loudly in the living room, disappear into the bonus room for some much-needed quiet time.

Your bonus room is your oyster. It can become any room you want it to be. But, before you go scampering off, there's one big suggestion we have. No matter what you decide to transform your bonus room into, be sure to add in natural light. VELUX offers Manual Fresh Air Skylights and other venting skylights and roof windows for in-reach applications that fill your space with bright, natural light and fresh air.

Before



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After



Three Reasons to Love Skylights in Your Bonus Room

1 Better Lighting

We've all heard that natural light is the best light to have in your home. The reason is that natural light provides a clean, white light that cast few shadows, unlike artificial that emits a yellow or blue tint.

2 Any Ceiling Design

When it comes to your bonus room and its unique ceiling design, you might think your options are limited. Surprise! Skylights and roof windows are the perfect options to add to your bonus room because they can go in more areas and fit more angles than a regular window. So, let in that light!

3 Fresh and Cool Air

Bonus rooms can be the warmest room of the house because they typically sit above the garage where location and poor insulation cause heat to collect. Instead of an air conditioning window unit, cool your bonus room with regular ventilation through skylights! Venting models open easily to allow hot air to flow out and cool air to flow in.





Your Favorite Paint Color Meets the Light

In a new light, your perfect shade could take on a whole new look.

You've got a paint color in mind to splash on the walls of your bonus room. It's a yummy color that you could look at all day. So, you grab a sample of the color and race home to paint it on your walls. You're happy with it until the sun starts to set and the color takes on a new shade.

Light affects colors, whether that's through changing the shade or the tint. And color responds to different light variables: location of the sun, time of day, and type of light. Your favorite paint color can quickly become your least. So, before investing in gallons of paint, here are a few points to remember.

Room Direction

Which direction does sunlight hit your bonus room? From the north, south, east, or west?

North: These rooms see less direct sunlight throughout the day, which means they're consistently cooler than other rooms in your home. So, what paint color do you choose for this room? We suggest a warmer shade and skylights! North-facing rooms are the perfect spot for skylights.

East: Known to capture the morning sun, east-facing rooms give off a tinge of blue undertones. So, when choosing a color for these rooms, look for paints that have more color in them and less gray. Also, paints with a touch of green can help make the room feel softer and more inviting.

West: As the last room to get sunlight, west-facing rooms tend to have more gray undertones and appear

shadier. Warm paint colors can counter those muted tones. You can take it a notch higher and use earthy colors, giving your space a more balanced feel when the sun finally makes its way to the room.

South: South-facing rooms are one of the sunniest places in our homes. Full of energy and daylight! So, to tone down the room, find colors with softer hues, like green, gray, or lighter shades of blue.

Time of Day

We all know that the sun doesn't stay in one spot during the day. And, as it moves, it dramatically changes the look, feel, and paint color in your home. So, when choosing a color, not only do you need to consider the direction of the room, but also how much time you spend in the room.

Morning: If you spend a majority of your time in a room in the morning, keep in mind that the light has a softer glow and does well with warmer tones, energizing you for the day.

Afternoon: At noon, the sun has made its way to the peak of the sky so it gives off its brightest and whitest light. But, colors tend to be more washed out during this time. Although gray colors still do well, warmer colors are your best bet.

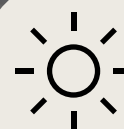
Evening: The sun gives off beautiful, warm colors as it sets. So you don't overdo it in rooms you spend your evenings in, opt for paint colors with cool tones. Instead of reds, oranges, and pinks, go for blues, greens, or purples that have a touch of gray in them.



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Your Life Brightened with Natural Light



Natural light can enrich your health and well-being, and bring a whole lot of positivity.

At VELUX, we believe in promoting daylight and fresh air because of their restorative and transformative powers. Daylight is the source of nutrients that power us through the day, rebalances our circadian rhythm, keeps us healthy, and gives us a more positive feeling. So, let's take a closer look at how natural light can really brighten your life with all its benefits.

Vitamin D Storage

We need Vitamin D for our bones to stay strong, and to help prevent certain cancers, heart disease, depression, and weight gain. Oftentimes though, we can't relax in natural light to get enough Vitamin D our body needs. So, when you can't go out, bring light in.



Higher Productivity

Feel like you're dragging in the morning, or you can't seem to get those last bits of chores around the house done? This is your body letting you know it needs more natural light. Studies have shown that the more we work in natural light, the higher energy levels we have compared to artificial light.



More Sound Sleep

Nothing feels as good as waking up from a restful night's sleep. You feel as if you're instantly ready to tackle the day without coffee or a yawn in sight. Natural light can help you get there! Sunlight is an environmental indicator that helps set the phases of our body's natural circadian rhythm.



Vision

Our eyes are put under constant strain from computer screens, phones, and even harsh artificial light. Natural light aids in our ability to clearly see without added strain, as well as helping eye development in children and young adults.

Before



After



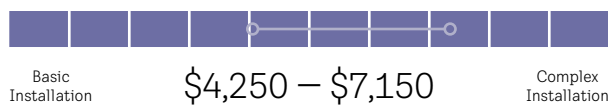
Skylights for Your Living Room

The VELUX Solar Powered Fresh Air Skylight System

When you pair natural light with fresh air, you open your bonus room to a world of crisper, clean air and brighter days.



New Solar Powered Skylight System



Replacement Solar Powered Skylight System



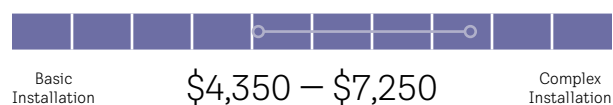




The VELUX Electric Fresh Air Skylight System

Let abundant natural light flow through your bonus room while blocking heat. The venting feature of this electric skylight reduces the need for air conditioning and improves indoor air quality.

New Electric Skylight System



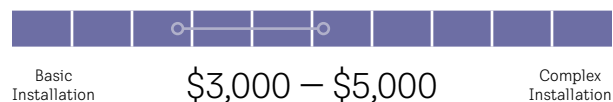
Replacement Electric Skylight System



The VELUX Fixed Skylight System

With versatile sizing and a clean exterior profile, this skylight provides abundant natural light to your bonus room without obstructing the roofline.

New Fixed Skylight System



Replacement Fixed Skylight System

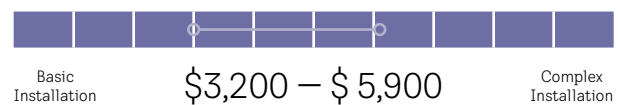




The VELUX Manual Fresh Air Skylight System

The manual-venting feature of this skylight brings all the light into your space, while letting go of stale air. An operator hook makes it easy to open and close the skylight to improve your bonus room's air quality.

New Manual Skylight System



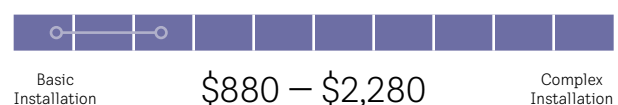
Replacement Manual Skylight System



The VELUX Sun Tunnel® Skylight

Even small spaces deserve to be awash in natural light. If your bonus room cannot accommodate a traditional skylight, choose a Sun Tunnel Skylight to light your space with clean light.

10" Sun Tunnel



14" Sun Tunnel



Complete light control.

Solar-Powered Shade Pairing

VELUX shades allow you to control the light, enhance your decor, and improve energy efficiency.

VELUX Skylight Systems include a **pre-installed Room Darkening, Double-Pleated Solar Shade** for the very best skylight experience.

- Solar-powered and remote-controlled
- Blackout cloth with honeycomb structure
- Neat pleats

In-Stock Shade¹ Standard with VELUX Skylight System models

Room-Darkening Double-Pleated



White

Special Order² Ships separately from skylight

Room-Darkening Double-Pleated



Light-Filtering Single-Pleated



¹ **In-Stock:** Solar skylight shades are sold separately (2-4 business days) and/or factory installed as a part of VELUX Skylight Systems (see page 3). Custom sizes are sold separately as special order. ² **Special Order:** No factory installation for special order skylight shades. Shades ship separately: skylights 14 business days.

Solar-Powered
Remote-Controlled
Shade
Pre-Installed
for Total Light &
Climate Control





Talk Skylights with a Design & Product Advisor

The experts to help you reimagine your space with skylights.

VELUX Design & Product Advisors are waiting to help you create the room of your dreams, from the first steps of your skylight journey to final installation. Simply schedule an appointment to meet with your own personal consultant who can answer your questions and talk you through the entire process — all for free!

Whether you have questions about how a skylight works, where they should go in your home, or even installer recommendations, VELUX Design & Product Advisors are here to help.

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Transforming spaces since 1941. For over 80 years, VELUX has helped people envision and achieve the transformation of spaces using daylight and fresh air through the roof. Our product program includes skylights, Sun Tunnel® skylights, decorative shades and roof windows, as well as installation and smart home solutions. By creating brighter, healthier, more sustainable places to live, work, learn, and play we enable a better everyday life for people around the world. We work globally with sales and manufacturing operations in more than 40 countries and around 11,500 employees worldwide. The VELUX Group is owned by VKR Holding A/S, a limited company wholly owned by non-profit, charitable foundations (THE VELUX FOUNDATIONS) and family.

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