

## I'm Moving!

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I am getting really excited about my move. I have been on Pinterest to get ideas for paint colours, fabrics, furniture – all sorts of stuff. I never did much with my room at home, but this is going to be *my* space!

I have been trying to figure out how to move the furniture and stuff I am taking with me to my new place. I have some shelves, a chair, a dresser, and, of course, my bed and bed frame. And my clothes, books, some dishes and towels. I am actually taking quite a bit -- more than I thought. My friends have used movers, but they have told me horror stories about having their stuff left on the sidewalk unless they paid way more than they were told the move would cost, so I don't really want to use a mover. Some of my friends have offered to help me move, as long as I rent a truck to transport the stuff. That seems like my best option. It will save me money, and I think it will be fun to have my friends with me that first day in my own place.

So, I went on the web to find truck rentals places. It was really clear that the first thing I would have to do is estimate the size of truck I need. Who knew there were so many sizes? Since I am not used to driving a truck and I'll have to drive through downtown traffic, I want the smallest truck that will hold my stuff. But, for sure, I don't want to rent a truck that's too small and then I can't get all my stuff into it.

I found this great site that has all kinds of information to help me figure out what size of truck I need. It reminded me that I am moving my bike and a chair for my balcony! It suggested that there are two ways to decide what size truck you need. One is by number of rooms in your place, and the other is by the volume of stuff in cubic feet. (Wow, like being back in school!) I asked my friends what they thought, and they offered to help me estimate the volume of stuff I would be moving. They pointed out that rooms can be really different sizes, so estimating by number of rooms was maybe not the best idea.

I'll keep you posted.