

18 inch Doll Bed/Case



This is a Doll Bed or a Case for an 18" doll made from a plastic box with a dust ruffle, mattress, pillow, fitted sheet, top sheet, pillowcase, and a comforter, quilt, or coverlet.

It can also be used to store the doll, clothes, as well as the bedding.

Materials:

1 – 28 qt. plastic box (**Sterilite Underbed Box**) [23-1/2" L x 16-7/8" W x 5-7/8" H]

3/4 yd. of 3/4" **sticky backed Velcro** (cut into 4" pieces)-Do Not Sew!

3/4 yd. of 3/4" **sew-in Velcro** (cut into 4" pieces and sewn onto dust ruffle)

1-7/8 yd. of 3/4" **elastic**

1-1/2 yd. of 1/4" **elastic**

1-1/4 yds. **Fabric A, focal print** (top of comforter/quilt, and part of pillowcase)

26" x 30" (for comforter/quilt top)

14" x 7-1/2" (pillow case)

1-3/4 yds. **Fabric B, coordinates w/ focal print** (dust ruffle, sheets, and part of pillowcase) [use ticking for the pillow & mattress]

3, 7-1/2" x width of fabric pieces of fabric (dust ruffle)

28-1/2" x 22" of fabric (top sheet) [use a king sized pillowcase for the top & bottom sheet]

28-1/2" x 21-1/4" (fitted sheet)

14" x 6-1/2" (pillow case)

3/4 yds. **Fabric C, coordinates w/ focal print** (comforter/quilt backing, binding for quilt, and pillow trim)

26" x 30" (for comforter/quilt backing)

3, 2-1/2" x WOF strips from (for binding)

34" x 24" piece of fabric (for mattress, cover)*

5" x 16" piece of fabric (pillow)

14" x 2" (pillowcase)

2/3 yd. ***Ticking fabric** (for a vintage look for the mattress & pillow):

5" x 16" piece of fabric (pillow), or 8" x 10"

34" x 24" piece of fabric (for mattress, cover) for envelope method

{or 2, 16-1/2" x 23-1/2" pieces of fabric for bound version (use box lid as a template)}



1 Pillow, sheets, and comforter on box.

Polyester Batting

20" x 30" of polyester batting (*for quilt*)

2 – 3 pieces, 23-1/2" x 16-1/2" of polyester batting (*for mattress*)

{Binding (can be purchased) *for bound version of mattress*}

1 inch gridded pattern tracing fabric to use for mattress "tufting" look (optional)

Fiberfill stuffing (*for pillow*)

Neutral, or coordinating thread

Small safety pin, or plastic bodkin (*for inserting elastic in casing*)

Pocket Template, a spool of thread, or box lid corner (*as a template for rounded corners*)

Sewing Machine, & supplies

Serger (optional)

Sewing & Assembly Instructions:

(1/4" seams, unless stated otherwise)

Bed/Case Preparation:

Stick a 4" piece of sticky Velcro (soft loops) on all four corners of the box just under the top edge.

Cut 2 pieces of sticky Velcro (soft loops) in half for four 2" pieces, and stick these to the center of each long side and both ends (just under the top edge).

You will have the hooks part of the sticky Velcro left over (you can use for another doll bed/case).



2Dust ruffle held on to box with Velcro.

Dust Ruffle (finished 6" wide):

3, 7-1/2" x WOF of **Fabric B** (*bed skirt*)

1-7/8 yd. of 3/4" elastic

3/4 yd. of 3/4" sew-in Velcro (*cut into 4" pieces*)

With right sides together, stitch the 3 pieces end to end to form a long circle.

Hem: Fold under the bottom edge 1/4", and press. Turn under another 1/4", and press.

Stitch along the entire bottom edge to hem.

Make the casing for the 3/4" elastic: Fold under the top edge 1/4", and press.

Fold under 1", press, and stitch around the way around, leaving an opening for the elastic to be inserted.

Insert the 3/4" elastic through the opening with the safety pin until you are back at the opening.

Make sure the dust ruffle fits around the top of the plastic box.

Trim off excess elastic, overlap ends, and stitch to secure. Stitch the casing opening closed.

Ease the dust ruffle around the plastic box top.

To attach Velcro to the dust ruffle: Using the sew-in Velcro (hooks), match up to the pieces to the sticky Velcro (soft loops) on the box, and pin the sew-in Velcro (hooks) to the inside of the dust ruffle through the elastic.

Remove the dust ruffle with pinned Velcro from the box.

Stitch the sew-in Velcro (hooks) to the dust ruffle through the elastic.

Top Sheet:

28-1/2" x 22" piece of **Fabric B** (24-3/4" x 20" finished)

Fold under edges 1/4", and press.

Fold under 3 of the edges 1/4", and press.

Fold down the top of the sheet about 3", and press.

Stitch around all 3 edges and across the top.

Fitted Sheet:

28-1/2" x 21-1/2" piece of **Fabric B** (26" x 20" finished)

1-1/2 yds. of 1/4" elastic (54")

Round all four corners of the fabric piece.

To make the casing for the 1/4" elastic: fold all the edges under 1/4", and press.

Fold under 3/8", and press.

Stitch all the way around, leaving an opening for the elastic to be inserted.

Insert elastic through the opening with the safety pin until you are back at the opening.

Make sure the fitted sheet fits the box lid, then overlap the elastic ends and stitch to secure.

Stitch the casing opening closed.



3 Fitted sheet, and dust ruffle on box.

Mattress (2 versions): (*ticking)

2 – 3 pieces, 23" x 16-1/2" pieces of polyester batting (for mattress, insides)

34" x 24" piece of fabric (for mattress, cover) using the envelope method

{or 2 pieces of 16-1/2" x 23-1/2" for bound version (use the box lid for a template)}

Binding

1 inch gridded pattern tracing fabric to use for mattress "tufting" look

If using ticking, serge around all the raw edges of the fabric to control raveling before handling.

Version 1, envelope method:

Fold fabric under 1/4" on both ends, and press.

Fold in half width-wise with wrong sides together, and stitch down one side and one end.



4 Tufted mattress made with ticking.

Turn right side out, and press.

Insert 2 or 3 layers of polyester batting into the mattress cover.

Stitch end closed.

This should be large enough to go under the fitted sheet, and add some loft.

Version 2, bound version:

Use the plastic box lid to cut out your 2 pieces of fabric, and batting.

Layer with one fabric right side down, batting on top, and second piece of fabric right side up on top of batting.

Stitch binding around all four sides for a clean and less bulky finish.

For tufting:

Use gridded pattern tracing material to set up a grid for tufting or quilting.

For tufting: snip a small hole in each intersection every 2" to use for marking mattress top.

Using a tacking stitch in each spot you marked.

Pillow: (4-1/2" x 7-1/2" finished)

5" x 16" piece of fabric (*pillow*) (*ticking),

Fiberfill stuffing (*for pillow*)

If using ticking, serge around all the raw edges of the fabric to control raveling before handling.

Fold under edges ¼" on both 5 inch ends, and press.

Fold fabric in half width-wise with right sides together, matching the folded edges, and stitch both raw sides.

Turn right side out, and press.

Stuff with Fiberfill, then stitch opening closed.

Pillowcase: (6" x 10" finished)

12-1/2" x 10-1/2" piece of **Fabric A** for main body of pillow case

12-1/2" x 2" piece of **Fabric C** for pillowcase trim

Fold pillowcase trim piece (**Fabric C**) in half lengthwise with *wrong sides* together, and press.

Place the trim on top of the *right side* of **Fabric A**, with the raw edges together, pin, and stitch. Fold trim out.

Fold **Fabric A** in half widthwise (*wrong sides together*), and stitch along the raw edges.

Turn so that **Fabric A** is right side out, and press.

Comforter/Quilt: (25-1/2" x 29-1/2" finished, and can be made reversible)

26" x 30" (comforter/quilt from **Fabric A**)

26" x 30" (quilt backing from **Fabric C**)

3, 2-1/2" x WOF strips from **Fabric C** for binding

20" x 30" of polyester batting (*for quilt*)

Make a sandwich of *the comforter/quilt top* (right side up), *batting*, and *backing* (right side down).

Quilt as you like; you can use a decorative stitch to quilt it with a big "X".

Sew binding strips together, end-to-end right sides together to make one long strip.

With wrong sides together, press in half length-wise.

Square up quilt (use a big square ruler to trim the edges to make sure the sides are straight).

On the right side of the quilt, place the raw edge of the binding on the quilt matching the raw edges, mitering the corners. Overlap the ends that meet.

Stitch around all 4 sides.

Fold over the binding to the back side and stitch in the ditch from the front in the seam allowance.



5 Bed made up with a comforter

To Assemble Bed:

Snap the lid on the box. Attach the dust ruffle to the box, matching up Velcro pieces.

Place the mattress on top the lid, cover with the fitted sheet, then put the top sheet on, and cover with the quilt or comforter.

Lastly, insert pillow into the pillow case, and place on the bed.

Ta-da!

Alternate versions:

Serge the pieces, using a rolled hem instead of a ¼" hem.

Stitch the Dust Ruffle to the mattress or bottom sheet for an all-in-one unit (good for small children).



6 Serged, all-in-one version

For a Barbie doll sized version:

Use a smaller box big enough to hold the doll.

Use the lid as the template for the *mattress*.

Cut the *sheets* 4-1/2" wider and longer than the lid. The *comforter* should be cut 4-1/2" wider and 2-1/2" longer than the box lid.

The *dust ruffle* should be cut 1-1/2" wider than the box height, plus twice the box's circumference. The pillow should be wide enough for the doll's head, and twice as long. The pillowcase fits over pillow.