

Measuring a Wooden Bed

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Measuring the Width

If your bed has wood blocks at the end of the sideboards, measure between them at both the head and the foot, then take the narrowest figure and subtract for 1/2" to 1" for clearance. If you don't have blocks, measure at the head, middle, and foot, and then subtract 1" for clearance.

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Measuring the Length

Measure the length on both sides, usually the length of the side boards, and take the shorter measurement of the two. Then allow 1 1/2" to 2" for clearance for bedspreads/comforters to have room to drop down. If your mattress needs to be notched, around a post or curved footboard, for example or like the Lentini mattress to the right, we would appreciate your sending us a photo or a drawing. For rounded corners, make a template of the exact curve and mail it to us.

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Measuring the Height

Measure from the top of the slats, L-b rackets, etc., to where you want the mattress to come on the headboard, usually where the ornamental part begins. This is your Total Set Height. The height of your bed is very important in determining which mattresses will fit. It is always helpful if you email us pictures of your bed.

Also, measure the height from the floor to the top of the slats/L-brackets.

Measuring an Iron Bed

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Measuring the Width

Do the rails look like an upright L like this ? 
or an upside-down L like this? 

If an upright L (designed to hold the slats), measure the width at the head, middle, and foot, and then take the narrowest figure and subtract for 1/2" to 1" for clearance.

If they form an upside-down L, measure the width of the rail (usually 1 1/2"). Then measure from outside of rail to outside of opposite rail at the head, middle, foot.

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Measuring the Length

Measure the length and subtract 1 1/2" to 2" for clearance to make room for your blanket/comforter to have room to drop down. If your side rails are thicker at the ends where they connect to the foot and head boards, you can either double your slats (one on top of the other—make sure to secure them together) or use 2 x 4s for slats. Both options enable you to have a longer mattress.

Measuring the Height

Measure from the top of the slats to where you want the mattress to come on the headboard, usually up to where the ornamental part begins. The Total Set Height very important in determining which mattresses will fit your bed. If your rails are upside down, measure from the top of the rail to where you want the mattress to come on the headboard, usually up to where the ornamental part begins. When you order, be sure to include the width of the side rails, so we can build a drop to keep your foundation from sliding.

Also, measure the height from the floor to the top of the slats.