

Rowley Project List: Inverted Box Pleat Bedskirt

Adding a bedskirt is an important step in dressing a bed. For this project we've fabricated a 54"W x 75"L X 15" Drop inverted box pleat skirt with a coordinating fabric in the pleats. The skirt is permanently attached to a banded decking. Welt cord was not added in this project but could be added around the decking for a custom finish.



Materials and Supplies

Rowley Products	SKU
Classic Napped Lining	LN49
Fringe Adhesive	FA10
Glass Head Pins	TP49

Making the Bedskirt: Step-By-Step Instructions

Cutting the Pieces:

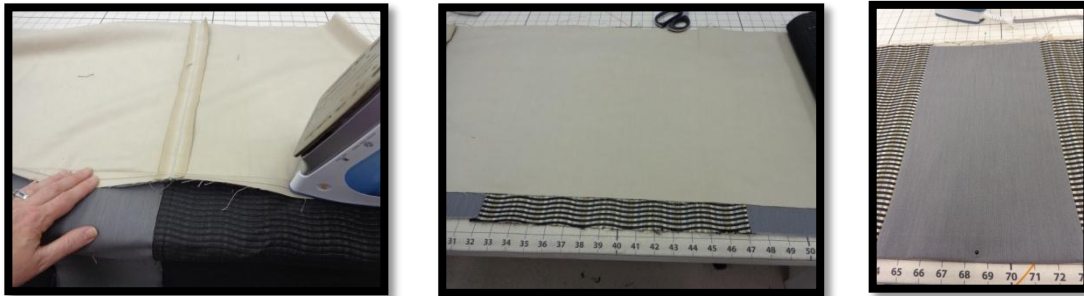
1. Cut 8 pieces @ 18 7/8W x 18L out of face fabric. These will be the eight side face panels.
2. Cut 3 pieces @ 18W x 18L out of face fabric. These will be the three foot face panels.
3. Cut 10 pieces @ 10W x 18L out of pleat fabric.
4. Cut 1 piece of decking fabric @ 55W x 79L. This may need to be pieced.
 - a. Joining seams can be placed anywhere.
5. Cut 3 pieces of decking bands @ 7W x 79L.
 - a. The extra length allows for mitered corners.
6. Cut the lining @ 300W x 15L. This is about 5 ½ widths at 15L. Seams can be anywhere.

Putting It All Together:

1. Pin the panel pieces and the pleat pieces together, alternating panel to pleat to panel, etc.
 - a. Make sure you use four side panel pieces, then the three foot panel pieces and the last four side panel pieces, alternating a pleat piece in between each panel piece.
2. Sew the pieces together, matching bottom and top raw edges.

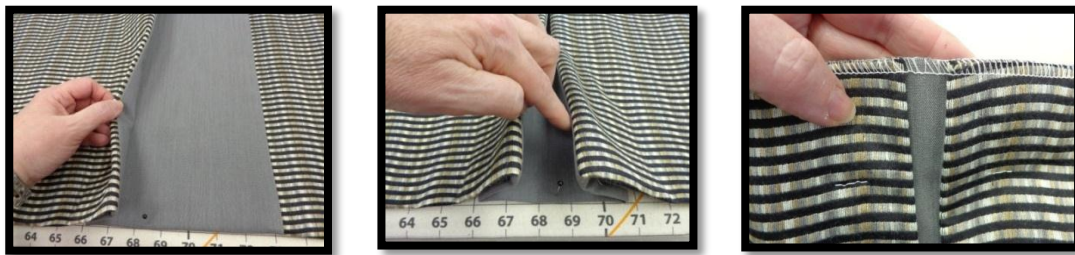


3. Iron the seams closed with the full seam allowance going toward the pleat.
4. On the table, lay the skirt face up and the lining face down, matching bottom raw edges. Sew.
5. Iron the join seam closed with the full seam allowance facing the face fabric.
6. Fold up the bottom hem to have 1 ½" of face fabric showing on the back. This should leave your top edges matching. Iron to set bottom press.
7. Close the sides of the two outside panels.



Pleating:

8. With the fabric face side up, fold in pleats leaving a 1" reveal between the face panels. Pin to secure.
9. Re-measure for final widths and adjust if needed.
10. Once the finished widths are reached, serge the top of the panels.

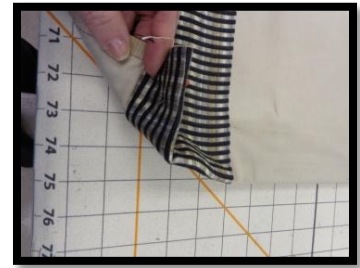


Preparing and Adding the Decking:

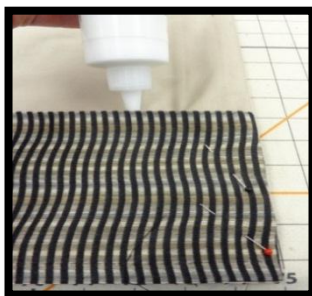
11. At the top of the deck lining piece, fold under a double 2" top hem. Press and top stitch.
12. On one long side of each deck banding strip, fold under ½" and iron to set crease.



13. Lay the decking lining face up on the table.
14. Lay the deck banding strips on the three sides, aligning raw edges and overlapping the bands at the bottom corners.
15. Fold in a miter at each bottom corner.
16. At the top, continue the band strip up and over the finished hem and around to the back, folding under the raw edges. Pin.



17. Glue-baste the banding strips down to the lining by placing dots of fringe adhesive under the ½" pressed area.
 - a. Top stitch the banding to the decking lining, including the mitered corners. Trim away any excess banding fabric at the corners. Round off the two bottom corners. This completes the decking.
 - b. If you want to add welt to the project, now is the time to add welt to the decking.



18. Lay the completed deck face up on the table.
19. Place the panel face down on the decking. Pin to secure.
 - a. Make sure the center of the corner pleats align with the center of the decking corner.
20. Sew the decking to the panels.



Your bedskirt is now ready for a final pressing and installation.

