

Rowley project list: Upholstered Crib Headboard

Taking a baby crib from off-the-shelf to elegant is easy with the addition of an upholstered slip-cover headboard. Careful measuring, a little patience and creativity are all it takes to make this beautiful crib transformation. FirmaFlex™ was used as a base material for the upholstered headboard making it lightweight and a snap to install.



MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

Rowley Products

FirmaFlex™
 ContourFlex™
 Pattern Making Paper
 Straight Edge Ruler
 High Temperature Glue Gun
 High Temperature Glue Sticks
 Polyester Batting
 Spray Adhesive
 Upholstery Regulator
 R-TEX Black Cambric
 R-TEC Upholstery Air Stapler - Long Nose
 71 Series Staples - 3/8"
 71 Series Staples - 1/4"

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Other materials Used:

Box Cutter
 Finish Nails
 Hammer

UPHOLSTERED CRIB HEADBOARD: STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

This project guide covers the steps to fabricate an upholstered headboard made as a slip cover for a crib. Our project finished at 24" H x 51" W with a 1" span between the front and back layers. It has a shaped profile and is fully upholstered.

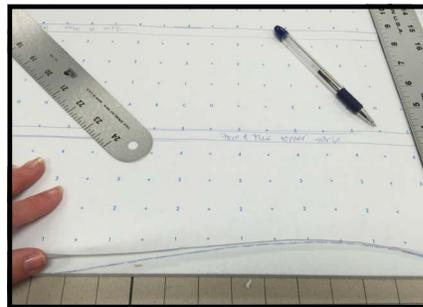
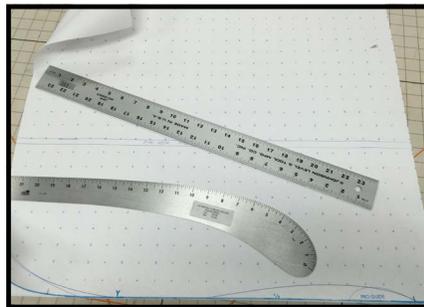
Cutting and Prepping the Base Material:

- 1 Cut 2 FirmaFlex™ pieces at 24" x 51" (one for the front and one for the back).
- 2 Cut 2 FirmaFlex™ pieces at 1" x 51" (for the inside supports).

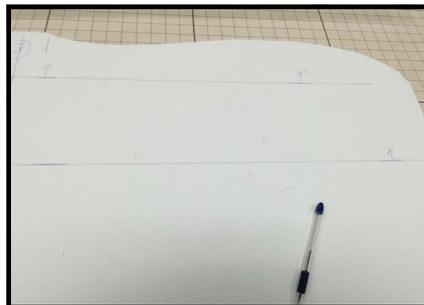
- 3 Cut 1 FirmaFlex™ piece at 1" x 65" (for the outside channel).
- 4 Cut 1 ContourFlex™ piece at 2" x 65" (for the top band of the channel).



- 5 Cut a piece of pattern paper larger than the finished headboard.
- 6 Trace out the final pattern and then cut out final pattern.
- 7 Place pattern on front and back, trace and then cut to shape.



- 8 On both the front and back FirmaFlex™ pieces, measure down from the top for the inside support placement pieces.
 - A. Be sure to mark these on both the front and back.

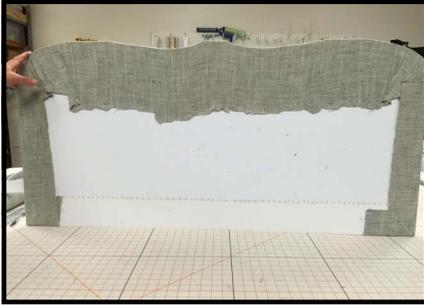


- B. Your lowest support can be no lower than the rail on the crib. It should "sit" on the rail when installed.

Covering the Back:

- 1 Wrap fabric around the back of the back, making relief cuts as needed to get around the corners and curves.
- 2 Staple fabric on the front of the back (the front will be sandwiched inside so no one will see the raw edges once the headboard is assembled). This is the side with the inside support lines.

- 3** Be sure to wrap more fabric to the front on the sides than on the top area.
A. This will ensure that if viewed from the side, your customer will see fabric and not FirmaFlex™ material.

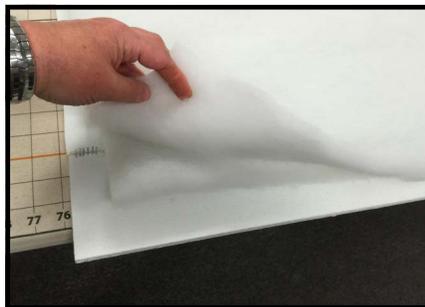


- 4** Hot-glue the two support bars on the marks.



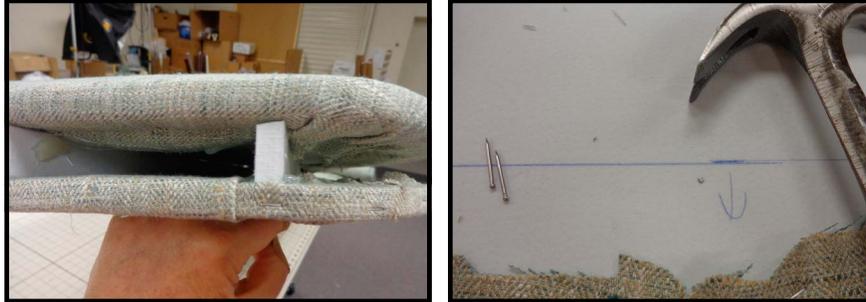
Covering the Front:

- 1** Lay a piece of batting on the face of the front that is smaller, all the way around.
A. This will create a pop-belly effect once covered.
- 2** Cover that piece with a layer of batting that covers the entire face plus a bit to wrap to the back.
- 3** Stretch and staple the batting in place, trimming away any excess off the back.
- 4** Place and stretch fabric over the prepared batting, stapling on the back, making relief cuts as needed.



Hooking the Front to the Back:

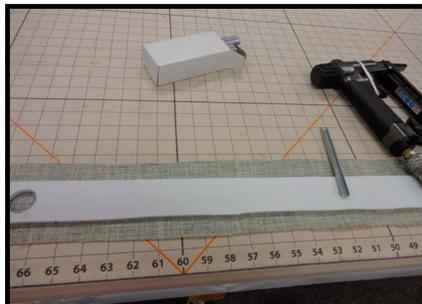
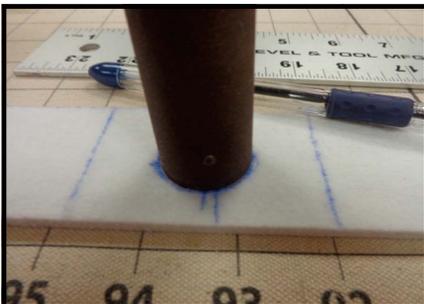
- 1 Align the front and back pieces, aligning inside support marks.
- 2 Hot-glue front to back. Then, add additional support by nailing from the back and front on the drawn lines.



- 3 On the 1" wide piece of FirmaFlex™, score through about 1/3 of the way, every 1/2" so it will bend easily.
- 4 Starting at the bottom support, wrap the 1" piece up and around the headboard, placing it inside the front / back, laying it in the channel, stopping at the other bottom support.
- 5 Attach to the front and back using Finish Nails, sparingly.



- 6 Cover the ContourFlex™ top band with fabric, spray-gluing it in place or using 1/4" staples.
- 7 Trim away a hole for the decorative finial.



- 8** Staple on a row of covered welt to the outside edge of the front and back, making good stops at the bottoms.
A. The welt will run the full height – it will not stop at the inside supports.



- 9** Using Finish Nails, nail the top band over the 1" strip of FirmaFlex™, starting and stopping at the bottom inside support.
A. The band should fit snugly between the welt cords.

- 10** Use a regulator to gently pull the fabric out from under the nails.



Finishing the Headboard:

- 1** Staple on a layer of Black Cambric on the back.



Installation:

- 1** Slip the headboard over the side of the crib.
2 Cut a short length of pole.
A. The exact length will depend on where your top inside support is located and how far you want your finial to stick up from the top of the headboard.

- 3 Attach finial to pole.
- 4 Slip pole into hole in top band.

NOTE: If you want the finial to be more secure, plan ahead and drill the hole through the top band and both inside supports. Make the pole long enough to go down through both inside supports.

