

HOW TO: DIY MATTRESS TEMPLATE

You should use a template whenever there are curves to the edges of the mattress or when lengths and widths are not consistent from one side of the mattress to the other. If there are straight lines on all sides, templates are still better than measurements but not strictly necessary. You can always send us the dimensions, but know that your bedding will only be as good as your template. If you are local in the South Florida area, we would be more than willing to come make your templates for you! If you're not local, follow these steps.

- 1) You'll need 1) a roll of wide width paper or clear transparent drop cloth, 2) a pen (pencil or marker will work as well, just be sure tracings are visible and precise), 3) masking tape, and 4) measuring tape.

NOTE: The type of brown paper that you can buy at the post office or 'Staples' in rolls is absolutely ideal.

- 2) Strip bed to the bare mattress. You can leave the mattress protector and/or fitted sheet on, but tracing the bare mattress will yield the most accurate template.
- 3) Lay or roll out the material so that the entire top surface of the mattress is covered. Chances are your templating paper will not be wider than the bed's width so you will need to join two lengths of paper side by side. When the paper is laid out how you want it, tape the necessary pieces together like shown here.



HELPFUL HINTS: Having excess paper around the edge of the mattress is fine but to save on time, labor, and paper use the straight edge of the material along the straight edge of the mattress where it meets the hull or on the straight edges of a walk-around. If you can do this, it's less tracing you'll have to do later.

- 4) Once your material is in place and taped, place something with enough weight on the template to ensure it doesn't move while tracing.
- 5) You're now ready to begin tracing! Using your pen, pencil, or marker, trace along the edge of the mattress. Be sure to make bold and precise markings. Some areas of the bed may be hard to get to so another helpful hint would be to fold the material over along the straight edges and/or curves and trace within the crease like shown below.



BE SURE TO CLEARLY TRACE THE ENTIRE MATTRESS EDGE.

- 6) Once the template is complete, be sure to label it with the following (all of which should be written directly on the template, inside the bed perimeters)
 - Boat Name
 - Cabin and Bed Location. *i.e. Starboard Twin, Upper*
 - Put an **H** at the head of the mattress and **F** at the foot.
 - Mark which side of the bed you enter from if bed rests against the hull.
 - Mattress Depth
 - Mattress Manufacturer (if you know it)
 - Contact Info: name, phone number, secondary phone number, email address, shipping address
- 7) Repeat steps 2 through 6 for each bed that requires customizing and ship all the templates to us!

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