

Dust Ruffle—Gathered

Make a gathered dust ruffle/bedskirt to complement your quilt. The instructions below will accommodate any size box spring. These instructions were adapted from *Skirting the Issue* in our sister publication, *Sew News*, August '06. If you cannot find this issue at your local quilt shop, order back issues at sewnshop.com.

This dust ruffle differs from a traditional dust ruffle in that it is sewn in individual sections and attaches to the box spring with hook-and-loop tape, making it easier to remove.

materials

Dust Ruffle Fabric

Twin size: 6¾ yards

Queen size: 8¼ yards

King Size: 9¼ yards

Hook-and-Loop tape

Twin size: 5⅓ yards

Queen size: 6⅛ yards

King size: 6⅝ yards

Industrial glue



1 Measuring and Cutting the Fabric

Measure from the upper edge of the boxspring to the floor and add 2". This will be the cutting width of all the dust ruffle panels.

Measure the bed width and multiply by 2. Cut 1 panel equal to this measurement.

Measure the bed length and multiply by 2. Cut 2 panels equal to this measurement.

2 Making the Dust Ruffle

Using a ¼" double-fold hem, finish the sides and lower edges of all the panels. Double fold the upper edges of all of the panels ¾" to the wrong side and press (*fig. 1*). Sew gathering stitches along the upper edge of each rectangle (*fig. 2*). Pull the bobbin thread to evenly gather the upper edge.

*Instead of sewing a gathering stitch on the folded edge, our home sewing expert, Peg Spradlin, sewed two ⅛"-wide ribbons to the folded edge with a wide zigzag stitch and pulled the ribbons to make the gathered edge (*fig. 3*).*

Cut a piece of hook-and-loop tape equal to the measurement of the upper edge of each panel. Pin the hook side to the wrong side of each panel. Sew along both long edges of the tape to secure (*fig. 4*).

Glue the loop side of the tape to the box spring just inside the upper edge. Let dry according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Attach the dust ruffle panels to the box spring. ■

