

Cheap Upholstered Bed Frame | Sizes Guide

Getting the size right is one of the most important and most overlooked steps when buying a cheap upholstered bed frame. Order the wrong dimensions and you risk a bed that overwhelms the room, doesn't fit your existing mattress, or leaves awkward gaps against the wall. This guide breaks down [Cheap Upholstered Bed Frame](#), explains how frame construction affects durability, and helps you choose the right combination for your space and budget.



Standard UK Upholstered Bed Frame Sizes

UK bed sizing follows a fairly standard set of dimensions across the industry, though it's always worth doublechecking exact measurements against the specific frame you're considering, as upholstery can add a few centimetres to the overall footprint.

- Single 90cm x 190cm suited to a single upholstered bed frame in a child's room, guest room or smaller studio flat
- Small double 120cm x 190cm a small double upholstered bed frame is a good compromise for box rooms that need more than singlesize sleeping space
- Double 135cm x 190cm the most commonly purchased size for UK bedrooms
- King 150cm x 200cm an upholstered bed frame king size option offers noticeably more length and width than a double, ideal for taller sleepers or couples

- Super king 180cm x 200cm a super king size upholstered bed frame is the largest standard UK size, best suited to primary bedrooms with generous floor space

How Upholstery Affects Overall Footprint

Because upholstered frames wrap fabric and padding around the base and headboard, the total footprint of an upholstered bed, [Chesterford Elite Bed](#) and frame is typically 5–10cm larger on each side than the mattress size alone. This is particularly important to factor in smaller rooms to always measure the full frame dimensions listed by the retailer, not just the mattress size, before finalising your purchase.

Frame Construction What's Underneath the Fabric

The upholstery is only the visible layer; the real durability of any cheap upholstered bed frame comes down to what's underneath.

Base and Slat Systems

Most budget and midrange upholstered bed frames use a sprung or solid slatted base. Sprung slats offer a small amount of give, which can improve mattress comfort and airflow, while solid slats provide firmer, more consistent support often preferred for heavier mattress types such as memory foam.

Frame Materials

- MDF/particleboard frames The most affordable option, suitable for lighter use, but less resistant to long term flexing
- Engineered wood frames A good midrange balance of cost and strength, commonly used in the £300–£600 bracket
- Solid hardwood frames The most durable option, typically found in premium beds, offering the best resistance to warping over time

Leg and Support Structure

For larger sizes such as king and super king upholstered bed frames, additional centre support legs are essential to prevent sagging in the middle of the base. Always check that a wider frame includes at least one, and ideally two, centre support legs rather than relying solely on corner legs.

Choosing the Right Size for Your Room

As a general rule, allow at least 60–70cm of clear space around each accessible side of the bed for comfortable movement. In a small double upholstered bed frame scenario, this often means positioning the bed against one wall to free up floor space elsewhere. For king and super king sizes, make sure to measure doorways and staircases too; larger upholstered frames can be bulkier to manoeuvre than flatpack wooden alternatives.

If you're upsizing from a double to a king, the Chesterford Elite Bed is built with the reinforced frame structure needed to comfortably support the larger footprint, without the price jump typically associated with premium hardwood-only ranges. For buyers who want a super king option that still fits a midrange budget, the [Blenheim Elegant Bed](#) is constructed with dual centre supports as standard, addressing one of the most common failure points in larger budget bed frames.



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Upholstered Bed Frame
Stylish Comfort for Every Bedroom

-  Premium Upholstery
-  Sturdy Build
-  Great Value for Money

Quality Beds at Affordable Prices

Affordable Luxury

-  Modern Design
-  Long-Lasting Quality
-  Perfect for Any Home

Storage and Ottoman Mechanisms by Size

Ottoman storage mechanisms scale with bed size; a super king ottoman frame stores considerably more than a double, but also requires a stronger gaslift mechanism and sturdier base to support the added weight of a larger mattress being lifted repeatedly. If storage capacity is a priority, check the specified maximum lift weight before purchasing, particularly for larger sizes.

Mattress Compatibility by Frame Type

Not every mattress pairs equally well with every frame construction.

- Memory foam mattresses perform best on solid slatted or platformtop bases, which offer firm, even support
- Pocket sprung mattresses benefit from sprung slat bases, which complement the mattress's own give
- Hybrid mattresses generally work well with either base type, though checking the manufacturer's guidance is recommended

Choosing a frame such as the [Ruby Luxury Bed](#), which offers a reinforced slatted base suitable for most modern mattress types, removes much of the guesswork from this pairing process.

Final Thoughts

Getting the size and construction right is just as important as choosing a fabric or headboard style when buying a cheap upholstered bed frame. Measuring your room carefully, [Style Beds](#) understanding UK size standards, and checking frame material and support structure will help ensure your new bed is both comfortable and durable for years to come.

Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs)

What size is a UK king upholstered bed frame?

A UK king size upholstered bed frame measures 150cm x 200cm, offering more width and length than a standard double.

How much bigger is a super king upholstered bed frame than a king?

A super king upholstered bed frame measures 180cm x 200cm, which is 30cm wider than a king size frame.

Do upholstered bed frames need centre leg supports?

Yes, double, king and super king upholstered bed frames should include at least one centre support leg to prevent the base from sagging over time.

What is the smallest upholstered bed frame size available?

A single upholstered bed frame, measuring 90cm x 190cm, is the smallest standard size available in the UK.

Is MDF or solid wood better for an upholstered bed frame?

Solid wood frames generally offer greater long term durability, though engineered wood provides a good balance of strength and affordability for most households.

How much extra space does an upholstered bed frame take up compared to the mattress size?

Upholstered bed frames typically add 5–10cm on each side beyond the mattress dimensions due to the padded fabric surround.