

Wren ★ Feathers

The Japanese Dollhouse: Bedding

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One ingenious thing about Japanese furnishings is that with this system of bedding, any room can be a multi-purpose room! Move a table, take the bedding out of the closet, and the room goes from living room to bedroom.

Here we're making a futon (mattress) and pillow. To top it is a moufu (blanket) that slips inside a sort of hybrid top sheet/duvet cover. Fitted sheets are traditionally not used on the mattress, they are covered with a flat sheet that gets tucked in underneath. I'll assume that if you want to do that, you're capable of hemming a rectangle, right? ☺

In traditional houses in good weather, this bedding would be aired for a while in the morning, and then tucked away in a closet until bedtime, freeing the space to be used for something other than a bedroom during the day.

Making the Futon

How a real Japanese futon gets made:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSdeANXfvbA>

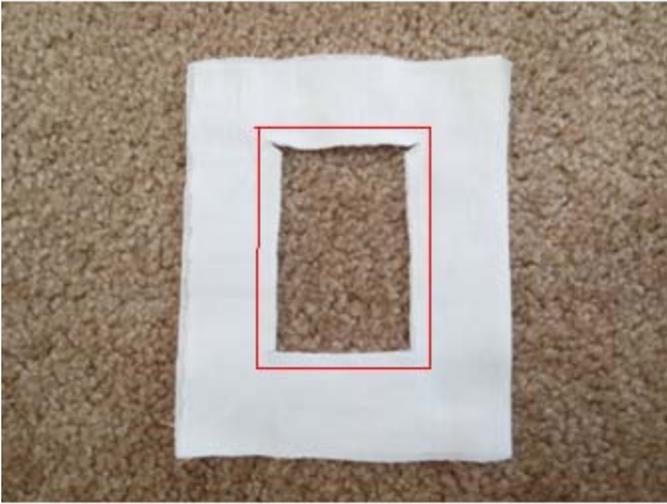


Leave side open to turn, stuff with layer of quilt batting. Tie knots of thread where indicated to tuft it.

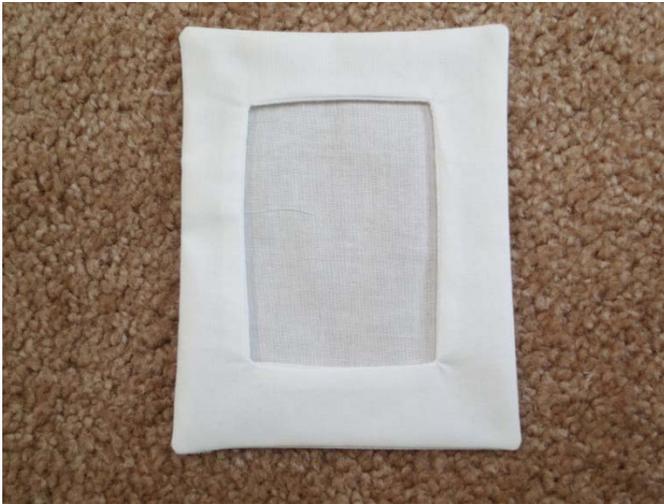
Making the blanket and cover



Leave side open to turn. Stuff with a thin layer of quilt batting and slipstitch closed.



Sew center rectangle, clip, turn, press, sew to backing.



Use scraps from the center rectangle to make pillow!



Here is a video of beds getting made up at a ryokan (traditional Japanese inn)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfuQuta_QMY

On the next page, I added visible seam allowances to the pattern to use if you're enlarging. As is, it will fit a 6" doll. For larger dolls, divide your doll's height by 6 and multiply by 100 to get an enlargement percentage.

For example, an 18" doll:

$$18 \div 6 = 3$$

$$3 \times 100 = 300\%$$

After you enlarge, use the seam allowance lines as they appear and draw new cutting lines $\frac{1}{4}$ " outside them.

