



traditional Oak Bed

The showpiece of any bedroom suite is the bed. This oak bed features rock-solid construction with eye-appealing details.

If the numerous calls and emails we've received are any indication, then a lot of you are building the oak dresser from *Woodsmith* 206. And we've already received several calls about the matching bed. Well, the wait is over.

The bed shown above complements the oak dresser perfectly, but stands on its own equally well. It's an elegant design with lots of attractive features. From the frame and panel look of the headboard and footboard to the

mitered moldings, there's no doubt that this is a classic piece of furniture that will be passed on to the next generation.

On top of a great look, the combination of plywood panels and hardwood frames guarantee that the bed is plenty sturdy. But that doesn't mean it's tough to move.

The brackets I used make taking the bed apart a breeze. But what I like best about the bed rail hardware is that it's easy to install and doesn't require a lot

of fussy alignment. A couple of spacer blocks used to position the brackets during installation will ensure a good fit on the first try.

In fact, there's really nothing too difficult about building the bed. The step-by-step plan breaks the building process into a series of manageable tasks.

One word of advice before getting started: It's a good idea to have the mattress on hand before committing to the final dimensions — sizes can vary.