

Upholstered Double Bed Frame | Style and Comfort

Choosing a new bed frame is one of those decisions that quietly shapes how a bedroom feels every single day. For anyone weighing up an [upholstered double bed frame](#), the appeal is easy to understand, soft, tactile fabric, a headboard you can lean against without a cold shock of wood or metal, and a look that instantly makes a room feel finished. Whether you are furnishing a first home, upgrading a guest room, or replacing a tired old frame, an upholstered bed frame brings warmth and character that hard frames simply cannot match.



At Style Beds, the range spans everything from classic wingback silhouettes to sleek, contemporary designs, all built with UK bedrooms and UK buyers in mind. This piece walks through everything worth knowing before you buy sizing, fabric, construction, storage, pricing, and styling so you can choose an upholstered double bed with total confidence.

What Is an Upholstered Double Bed Frame?

An upholstered bed frame is a bed base and headboard combination wrapped in fabric rather than left as bare wood or metal. The padding usually sits over a wooden or engineered frame, then gets finished in woven fabric, linen, boucle, or velvet depending on the design. Unlike a plain divan or a metal frame, upholstered beds offer a softer visual and physical presence in a room with no sharp edges, no cold surfaces, and a headboard that actually invites you to sit up and read or scroll through your phone before sleep.

Browsing the full range of bed frames shows just how varied this category has become. You will find low profile, minimalist designs sitting alongside tall, dramatic headboards, all sharing that same soft touch upholstered finish. For UK buyers specifically, this matters because British bedrooms tend to be smaller and more multi-purpose than in many other countries. A bed frame needs to work hard as both furniture and focal point.

Why Choose Upholstered Over Wooden or Metal Frames

The decision between an upholstered frame bed and a traditional wooden or metal one usually comes down to three things, comfort, acoustics, and aesthetics. Fabric absorbs sound rather than amplifying it, so an upholstered frame tends to creak less over time than a loosely jointed wooden frame. It also does not transmit cold the way metal does, which matters more than people expect in older UK homes with less consistent central heating.

Style wise, upholstered bed frames photograph and feel more luxurious, which is part of why they've become the default choice in most UK interior design schemes over the last decade. The [Cloud Bed Frame](#) is a good example of how a simple, low headboard design can still deliver that soft, hotel-like finish without dominating a smaller room. For anyone torn between styles, it's worth remembering that upholstery ages differently to wood; it does not scratch or dent the same way, though it does need slightly different care, which we'll cover further down.

Fabric Types and Finishes

Fabric choice is where an upholstered double bed frame really earns its keep. The three most common options across the UK market are linen look weaves, velvet, and boucle, each with a different feel and durability profile.

- **Linen weave fabrics** are practical, breathable, and forgiving of everyday wear, a strong choice for family bedrooms or guest rooms that see regular use.
- **Velvet** brings richer colour depth and a more formal, hotel style finish, though it can show pile marks and needs more careful cleaning.
- **Boucle** has become one of the most requested textures in recent UK interiors, prized for its tactile, looped surface and its ability to soften even quite angular headboard shapes.

Martindale rub counts are the standard UK measure of fabric durability, and it's worth checking this figure before buying anything above 25,000 rubs is considered suitable for daily domestic use. The [Ruby Luxury Bed](#) showcases how a higher grade fabric can transform a fairly simple frame shape into something that feels genuinely premium. When comparing fabric upholstered bed frame options, always ask about the specific weave and rub count rather than relying on how a fabric looks in a photo, since texture and durability vary enormously between suppliers.

Double Bed Size and Room Fit in UK Homes

Getting the sizing right is arguably the most practical part of choosing an upholstered bed frame. UK double beds measure 135cm x 190cm, which is the standard size for most second bedrooms and many main bedrooms in terraced and semi detached houses. It's a size that comfortably fits two people without the extra floor space demanded by a king or super king, making it the most common choice in flats and smaller UK homes.

The [Ivy Frame Bed](#) is a popular double size option that balances a substantial looking headboard with a footprint that still leaves room to walk around the bed comfortably, an important consideration in typical UK box rooms and second bedrooms.

UK Bed Size	Dimensions (cm)	Best Suited For
Single	90 x 190	Children's rooms, single occupancy, box rooms
Small Double	120 x 190	Compact main bedrooms, guest rooms
Double	135 x 190	Standard second bedrooms, couples in smaller homes
King	150 x 200	Larger main bedrooms, couples wanting more space
Super King	180 x 200	Spacious main bedrooms, maximum sleeping space

Before ordering any upholstered bed frame with storage or standard design, it's worth measuring your doorway and stairwell width too; upholstered headboards, especially wingback and Chesterfield styles, can be bulkier to manoeuvre than flat pack alternatives.

Headboard Styles Wingback, Chesterfield and Sleigh

Headboard shape defines the character of an upholstered bed frame far more than fabric colour does. Three styles dominate current UK demand.

A wingback upholstered bed frame features side panels that curve or angle forward, creating a cocooned, enclosed feel that works especially well in period properties with high ceilings. A chesterfield upholstered bed frame brings deep button tufting and rolled arm style detailing, borrowed from the classic Chesterfield sofa silhouette, a strong choice for anyone wanting a more traditional, formal bedroom look. Meanwhile, a sleigh bed frame curves at both the head and foot, giving a softer, more continental silhouette that suits larger rooms where the whole bed is visible.



The [Cotswold Upholstered Bed Frame](#) is a strong example of how these design cues can be blended into a single frame without feeling overdone, offering a headboard shape that reads as timeless rather than trend-led. When choosing between styles, think about how the bed will be viewed within the room; a wingback design makes the most visual impact when seen straight on, while sleigh styles benefit from being viewed from the side or foot of the bed.

Construction and Craftsmanship

What is underneath the fabric matters just as much as the finish itself. A well built upholstered bed frame should use a solid or engineered timber substructure, high density foam padding, and either a sprung slatted base or a solid platform base depending on the mattress type you plan to use. Poorly constructed frames often use thin foam over a hollow frame, which can lead to sagging or a hollow sound when leaned against within a year or two.

The [Cavendish Bed Frame](#) is built with reinforced corner joints and a slatted base designed to work with both memory foam and pocket sprung mattresses, which is worth checking for on any frame you are considering. As a rule of thumb, ask about slat spacing ideally no more than 7cm apart and whether the frame has a manufacturer's structural warranty; reputable UK retailers will usually offer at least five years on frame construction.

Comfort and Everyday Living

Beyond how it looks, an upholstered bed frame changes how a bedroom is actually used day to day. A padded headboard means you can comfortably sit up in bed to read, work on a laptop, or watch television without needing a stack of cushions for support. This is one of the most cited

reasons UK buyers give for choosing upholstered beds over wooden alternatives; it simply makes the bed more usable outside of sleeping hours.

The [Royal Bed Frame](#) has a taller, more generously padded headboard that is specifically suited to this kind of everyday use, rather than being purely decorative. For households where the bedroom doubles as a relaxation space increasingly common in flats and smaller homes without a separate lounge this comfort factor can matter as much as the visual style.

Storage Options Upholstered Ottoman Bed Frames

Storage is one of the biggest practical draws of the upholstered ottoman bed frame category. Rather than relying on separate wardrobes or under bed boxes, an ottoman base lifts on a gas assisted mechanism to reveal a full storage cavity beneath the mattress often enough space to replace a chest of drawers entirely.

This matters enormously in UK homes, where average bedroom sizes are smaller than in many other European countries and storage is consistently one of the top priorities buyers mention. The [Kensington Bed Frame](#) combines a fully upholstered frame with ottoman storage, giving buyers the soft, tailored look of a standard upholstered frame without sacrificing the practicality of extra space. For smaller flats, box rooms, or any bedroom without built in storage, this style of upholstered bed frame with storage is often the single most space efficient upgrade available.

Pricing and Value Tiers

Budget is naturally a major factor when comparing a cheap upholstered bed frame against a luxury upholstered bed frame, and understanding what drives the price difference helps avoid disappointment either way.

Fast Facts Upholstered Double Bed Frame Pricing

- Entry level double frames typically start around £250–£400, usually with simpler fabric and basic foam padding
- Mid-range frames (£400–£800) generally include higher density foam, sturdier frames, and a wider fabric choice
- Premium and designer frames (£800+) offer heavier grade fabrics, deeper button detailing, and longer structural warranties
- Ottoman storage frames typically carry a £100–£250 premium over a standard frame of the same size
- Sale periods (January and summer clearance) are when UK retailers most commonly discount upholstered frames

The [Eton Bed Frame](#) sits comfortably in the mid-range bracket, offering a good balance between fabric quality and price for buyers who want a durable, good looking frame without stretching to designer pricing. As with most furniture categories, it's rarely worth chasing the

absolute cheapest option; a slightly higher spend on construction quality tends to add years of extra life to the frame.

Custom and Designer Options

For buyers who want something beyond the standard range, custom upholstered bed frames and designer upholstered bed frame options allow far more control over fabric, colour, and headboard proportions. This might mean choosing a bespoke fabric swatch, adjusting headboard height, or requesting a specific button tufting pattern. The [Chesterford Elite Bed](#) represents this higher end of the market, where design details and fabric quality are pushed further than standard ranges typically allow. Custom options generally take longer to deliver, often six to ten weeks rather than the two to four weeks typical of standard stock frames so it's worth factoring this into any moving or renovation timeline.

Choosing Between Single, Double, King and Super King

While this article focuses on double frames, it's worth briefly placing that choice in context. A king size upholstered bed frame or super king size upholstered bed frame suits larger main bedrooms and households prioritising maximum sleeping space, while an upholstered single bed frame remains the standard for children's rooms and box rooms. The double sits firmly in the middle, the most commonly bought size for second bedrooms, guest rooms, and main bedrooms in flats or smaller houses across the UK.

The [Savoy Wing Bed](#) is available across this full size range, which makes it a useful reference point when comparing how a single design scales from single right through to super king. If you're at all unsure which size suits your room, measuring available floor space and allowing at least 60cm of clearance on each accessible side of the bed is a reliable starting rule used by most UK interior designers.

Caring for Your Upholstered Bed Frame

Unlike wood or metal, fabric needs a slightly different maintenance routine. Regular vacuuming with an upholstery attachment prevents dust build up in the weave, and any spills should be blotted rather than rubbed to avoid pushing liquid deeper into the padding. Most UK made upholstered bed frames come with a manufacturer's cleaning code (W, S, or WS) printed on the care label, indicating whether water-based, solvent-based, or either type of cleaner is safe to use.



The [Blenheim Elegant Bed](#) is finished in a stain-resistant weave designed specifically to hold up to everyday household use, which is worth looking out for if the bed will be in a busy family bedroom. Fabric protector sprays, reapplied every twelve to eighteen months, can also meaningfully extend the life of lighter coloured fabrics.

Finding the Right Upholstered Double Bed Frame for You

There is no single best answer here, the right upholstered bed frame depends on room size, budget, and how the bed will actually be used day to day. A smaller box room might call for a low-profile double with ottoman storage, while a larger main bedroom has more freedom to carry a taller wingback or Chesterfield headboard. What stays consistent across every good choice is quality construction, a durable fabric suited to the household, and proportions that genuinely fit the room rather than simply look good in a showroom.

The [Egerie Beige Ottoman Bed with Curved Headboard](#) brings together several of the qualities covered in this piece, soft curved detailing, practical ottoman storage, and a neutral fabric tone that suits most UK bedroom colour schemes making it a strong all round option for buyers still weighing up their final decision.

Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs)

What is the standard size of a UK double bed frame?

A UK double bed frame measures 135cm x 190cm, making it the most common size for second bedrooms and many main bedrooms in flats and smaller houses across the UK.

Are upholstered bed frames comfortable to lean against?

Yes, The padded headboard is one of the main advantages of an upholstered frame, allowing you to sit up comfortably to read, work, or relax without extra cushions for support.

How do I clean an upholstered bed frame?

Check the care label for a W, S, or WS cleaning code, vacuum regularly with an upholstery attachment, and blot any spills immediately rather than rubbing them into the fabric.

Is an upholstered ottoman bed frame worth the extra cost?

For most UK homes with limited bedroom storage, yes the gas assisted lifting base provides significant hidden storage space, often replacing the need for a separate chest of drawers.

What fabric lasts longest on an upholstered bed frame?

Look for a Martindale rub count above 25,000 for daily domestic use. Linen weave fabrics tend to be the most forgiving for busy family bedrooms, while velvet needs more careful maintenance.

How long does delivery take for a custom upholstered bed frame?

Standard stock frames typically deliver within two to four weeks, while custom or bespoke fabric orders usually take six to ten weeks.