



Your essential guide to choosing the perfect StudyBed

Like you, we aim for Total Satisfaction with every StudyBed purchase. In order to achieve this, there are a few important points to consider.

- ◆ How will it fit and look in my room
- ◆ The right bed size considering available space and intended use
- ◆ The preferred finish or colour
- ◆ Which additional items of complementary furniture are required and appropriate
- ◆ What delivery timescale suits me best and what work needs to be carried out first



HOW WILL IT FIT AND LOOK IN MY ROOM

As always , this question requires thoughtful consideration, and a tape measure!

Have a look at the dimensions given in the brochure and on the website. Measure both wall to wall AND skirting to skirting, in several places, as walls are seldom perfectly straight or square.

Consider the swing of any doors, access to windows, sockets and switches and radiator (and valve) position.

We recommend placing a multi-way extension lead on the floor behind the lower stretcher (unseen but easily accessible) to connect any desk top electrical items to. It doesn't matter if the sockets are either behind the bed or to one side, although ideally they should not be too high above the skirting. They may or may not present a problem if they are positioned behind any intended bookcase or wardrobes, so if in doubt please discuss with us.

Do you have picture or dado rails, please let us know.

If you are considering a Majestic model then ceiling height and position of any overhead light fitting needs to be taken into account

If you are in any doubt, we would encourage you to email or post us a basic room plan (photos are also useful) and we will be in a much better position to alert you to any possible issues.

All StudyBeds have pre-formed skirting cut outs to allow flush fitting against the wall behind them. Please let us know if your skirtings are higher than 15cms or deeper than 2cms (including any pipework or beadings) and we can make the necessary adjustment in advance.

With the exception of the Majestic, all StudyBeds are 207cm wide, but please bear in mind that an additional 6cm is required to facilitate assembly. In other words a minimum of 213cm, measured wall to wall will be required, unless there is a wider space elsewhere in the room in which the frame can be assembled and then pushed into the chosen position. If there is insufficient space then we can alternatively supply a shorter bed (199cm wide) which takes a 6ft (as opposed to 6ft 3in) mattress. There is an additional charge of £100 for this non-standard size.

WHAT IS THE RIGHT BED SIZE CONSIDERING AVAILABLE SPACE AND INTENDED USE

The answer to this question shouldn't always necessarily be, the biggest size you can fit in; we have found that there is a tendency to go for the largest model simply because of the envisaged occasional need for certain guests to occupy the room. We feel that this is something that requires balanced and considered thought. If the room is small and the main intended use is as an office or hobbies room, then the way the room looks and feels for the majority of the time can outweigh the importance of providing a generously sized bed for those very occasional visitors. The smaller the mattress size, the more compact the unit is in desk form. It is important to balance intended year-long use with available room space.

Of course, StudyBeds are designed for every day use and in this instance, the regular occupants of the bed will be known and decision about size will be more straightforward. However, in this respect, if the StudyBed is intended for a young (small) child who may be currently quite happy in their single bed, it is definitely worth considering the 4ft Small Double as an option, which will give plenty of growing room and can still be occupied by 2 people, and is almost as compact as the Single StudyBed when in desk mode.

Another issue that often arises is whether to go for a Majestic (vertical) model or the horizontal style StudyBed. This choice may be easily determined by the shape of the room, but nonetheless it is an important one, and a good reason for submitting a room plan to us to allow us to advise accordingly.

All StudyBeds are designed to take standard Imperial size mattresses (which allows for use of an existing one if applicable - depth up to 20cm on a 3ft and 4ft, and 22cm on 4ft 6" and majestic). However, we are able to modify the sizes (and provide the appropriate mattress if required). If insufficient space is available then we can supply the 3ft, 4ft, and 4ft 6in models with a 6ft long mattress, which reduces the overall unit width to 199cm. Alternatively we can supply longer units (217cm wide) that will take mattresses measuring 6ft 6in long. These modifications don't apply to Majestic models, and also incur an extra charge of £100.

WHAT IS THE PREFERRED FINISH OR COLOUR

Our standard finish is 'Light Oak'; this is always very popular as the Double A-side real wood veneer has a very attractive grain pattern, is timeless and easy to match. Although this is of the highest quality, because of the quantity we manufacture and stock, it is possible to keep the price competitive.

However, obviously not everyone desires this particular finish and therefore we are able to supply all our furniture in absolutely any painted or stained finish. This is a bespoke service that costs an extra 15% but allows you to choose whatever colour or colour combination you wish, to suit your personal preference or match existing decor. We are even able to match a supplied colour/stain sample.

If you are wishing to go for a painted finish, then do take your time to consider this carefully; don't be too readily tempted to go for too dark a colour in a small room or to choose bold colours that might only have a short-lived appeal to a teenager. Many of our customers find something suitable in the Farrow & Ball range whose very wide choice of colours tend to be both strong but not over dominant, and these seem to suit StudyBeds very well. Don't forget you can have a combination colour choice; examples of this can be seen in our brochure or on the website; here we generally find that the combination works best with the lighter colours on the inner sections. We would also advise obtaining a match pot sample and testing on a piece of wood rather than rely simply on colour charts. In the case of Farrow & Ball, these are easily obtained through their web site. Other popular brands are Dulux and Crown.

The final consideration is whether you want a smooth or textured finish to the painted furniture, as we can either paint the oak veneer (which gives a grained textured appearance and feel) or plain mdf (which is a flatter and smooth finish) and this is very much a personal choice.

WHICH ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF COMPLEMENTARY FURNITURE ARE REQUIRED AND APPROPRIATE

We offer several options to allow you to optimise your available space.

The most commonly requested option is the Top Box, as this makes very good use of the same footprint as the StudyBed. However, without it, the top frame section of the StudyBed is strong enough to support a good deal of weight, so can be used as a base for other kinds of storage boxes. Our Top Boxes will of course always exactly match your chosen finish, and they come with adjustable shelves and soft-closing doors. The total height of the single StudyBed and top box (top box height being 60cm) will be 200cm. On a Small Double (top box height being 60cm) it will be 220cm. And on a Large Double (box height being 48cm) will total 220cm. Although StudyBeds (with the exception of the Majestic) are free-standing, for safety reasons we do secure the Top Box to the StudyBed frame.

Our mobile (4 x 360 degree castors) Under Desk Pedestals are also very popular; neatly tucked out of the way under the desk, they can then be swiftly moved to become a bedside table when the StudyBed needs to be converted to bed mode. We have 4 variants of these, a 3 drawer comprising 2 shallow drawers plus a large footscap filing drawer, a 4 drawer unit, a cupboard with door and adjustable shelves, and a dual-faced open sided bookcase with adjustable shelves giving effectively 175cm of shelf space. Again, these can be finished to match your chosen stain or paint colour(s).

If you have additional space available in your room, you may wish to have one of our Wardrobes fitted alongside the StudyBed (or indeed elsewhere in the room). These will match the height of your chosen bed and Top Box, with the routing lines providing an integrated sleek appearance to the whole ensemble. They come, as standard, in widths of 60, 70 or 80cms and have an external depth of 60cms. Typically they would come with 3 shelves and 1 hanging rail, but please tell us if you would like a different configuration. The shelves are fully adjustable and the rail easily removed or reinserted, thus allowing for flexible use for example where an office needs to be turned into a guest bedroom. They come with double soft-closing doors.

It is also possible to make bespoke size wardrobes, either narrower or wider and configured internally as you wish (incurs an extra £75 charge).

As an alternative (or addition) to a wardrobe (to enable you to optimise any remaining space) we can also provide bookcases, with fully adjustable shelving. Like the wardrobes the height will match your StudyBed with Top Box and the depth will allow them to be flush with the bodyside of the StudyBed, thus creating a sleek made-to-measure look. We stock these in the most popular sizes of 60 or 80cm but can also provide them in bespoke widths at no extra charge.

During your room planning process it may be very clear what type or size of additional furniture you may require, but if not, either because it is difficult to measure accurately or you are unsure of the exact perfect location for the StudyBed, it may make more sense to split the process and start with the bed (and possibly Top Box), live with it for a while and then accurately measure any remaining space which could subsequently be filled with a wardrobe, bookcase, or even just matching shelves on their own.

FITTING OF MONITORS

You can see from the dimensions table (on the back page of this guide) what the under bed height is for each model, so please consider the height of any essential piece of equipment that you may wish to leave on the desk, like an Apple iMac or extra large monitor.

Do you have an iMac or extra large monitor?

The smaller iMac will just fit on the Small Double and comfortably so on the Large Double. The larger iMac will only fit on the Large Double BUT we will need to know in advance if you intend to leave this on the desk as we will need to increase the under desk height from 48cm to 52cm. Please discuss this with us first. Alternatively monitors can be mounted onto the bed cover, but again please let us know in advance if this is your intention.

WHAT DELIVERY TIMESCALE SUITS ME BEST AND WHAT WORK NEEDS TO BE CARRIED OUT FIRST

Our standard quoted lead times for delivery and installation are typically 4 to 6 weeks following confirmation of exact requirements, depending on geographical location and nature of order. However, we appreciate that, you may have an urgent deadline, and therefore wherever possible, we will endeavour to find ways to meet this.

We carry large stocks of all our furniture in the Light Oak finish, so generally the lead times will be subject only to our delivery and installation schedule which can fluctuate throughout the year. Bespoke sized items will need to be manufactured and therefore are more likely to end up taking closer to 6 weeks from time of order clarification.

We try to be as flexible as possible with delivery dates, but using our own experienced teams delivering all over the country, it is necessary to be logistically efficient, so we will always carefully liaise with you with regard to dates and timings.

Initially it is useful for our planning to have a basic idea from you as to when you may require delivery and what may be good or bad days in any week. We will never force delivery upon you until you are ready to receive the bed. We would always welcome communication from you if your deadlines change in any way.

Prior to receipt of the bed, we would suggest carrying out any intended decoration and/or changes to flooring. If you are having more major alterations carried out, in terms of alteration to position of sockets, radiators etc. please feel free to discuss this with us, in case there is any impact on the installation of your StudyBed.

Dimensions



<i>(measurements are in cm)</i>	Single	Small Double	Double	Small Majestic	Double Majestic	Large Majestic
A Width	207	207	207	136	153	166
B Height	140	160	172	220	220	227
C Projection as desk	94	102	111	120	120	120
D Projection a bed	103	132	153	200	200	212
E Under bed height	44	46	48	46	46	46
Desk size	60 x 190	60 x 190	60 x 190	65 x 120	65 x 140	65 x 150
Mattress	90 x 190 (3ft x 6ft 3")	120 x 190 (4ft x 6ft 3")	138 x 190 (4ft 6" x 6ft 3")	120 x 190 (4ft x 6ft 3")	138 x 190 (4ft 6" x 6ft 3")	150 x 200 (5ft x 6ft 6")

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