

## Soft Furnishings - Bedspreads & Throws

There is no doubt that changing your linen is the quickest and most inexpensive way to change the appearance of your cabin. Over the last few years this area of soft furnishing has undergone a dramatic transformation. Bed-dressing has now become an art in itself. All the elements - duvets, sheets, throws, pillows, and cushions - interact to produce stunning effects that are simple to change as your mood takes you.



Whether the style is contemporary or traditional, a room can be transformed simply by adding a throw. Until recently much under-used, the throw is now undergoing a revival as a furnishing accessory. Don't just stick to one, several draped over a bed can look stunning.



Although soft furnishing fabric is not normally used to make bed linen such as sheets or duvets, it is ideal for making a comforter or throw for a bed. It will also give a luxurious, fully coordinated look to a bedroom scheme if you use fabric from the same range as the other soft furnishings in the room. Because a bed forms the focal point in a bedroom, bed furnishings should fulfil two functions: they should make a bed comfortable and warm to sleep in, as well as complementing its size and the overall decorative scheme of the room.

The purpose of a throwover is primarily to decorate a bed when it is not in use. This style of cover can be made in a heavyweight fabric, so that it can double up as an extra blanket. Alternatively, fitted covers, which are made to fit the shape of a mattress exactly, enhances the appearance of a bed, allowing you the option of using it as a seat. For a tailored finish, you can make a cover with a straight skirt and box-pleated corners. Choose a cover with a gathered skirt and contrasting piping for a more relaxed effect.



Quilting always adds body and shape to quilts and throws, providing extra warmth on chilly nights. Even the most basic quilted design will show off your chosen fabric to the full. If the fabric is covered with evenly spaced motifs, we will emphasise them by centring each one on its own quilted square or diamond. Stripes and checks can be quilted along or in-between their lines, or even at an angle to the main pattern.

A valance is a bed furnishing accessory that provides a decorative cover for the side and the foot of a bed, particularly those with a solid base. You can choose a valance with either an informal-looking gathered skirt or a plain sided panel, complete with corner pleats. The style that you opt for will depend on the character of your bedroom.

