Romantic Canopy Cover

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Your bedroom is your refuge, and a bed canopy can add just the right amount of cozy glamour to your room. In a child's room, this canopy can make any little girl feel like a princess. Basic curtain rods and coordinating fabrics in colors you love are all you need to turn your bed into a glamorous retreat.

Estimated Time 5 hours

Canopy

Finished sizes

Valance: 104 x 171/2 inches* Side Panel: 40½ x 86 inches* Back Panel: 90 x 86 inches* *Before gathering

Materials

- 54-inch-wide decorator fabric: 6½ yards floral for valance and side panels 11½ yards coordinating floral for back panel and side panel lining 2 yards stripe for valance lining and trim
- 1 (2-inch-wide) valance rod with 6–7-inch clearance
- 1 (¾-inch-wide) sash rod
- 4½ yards shirring tape
- Self-adhesive hook-and-loop tape
- Basic sewing supplies and equipment





Project note: Canopy will fit a 36-inch-wide twin-size bed.

Cutting

From floral fabric for valance and side panels:

- Cut to make a 108 x 17-inch strip for valance, piecing as needed.
- Cut two 40 x 87-inch pieces for side panels.

From coordinating floral fabric for back panel and side panel lining:

- Cut to make a 94 x 91-inch rectangle for back panel, piecing as needed.
- Cut two 40 x 87-inch rectangles for side panel lining.

From striped fabric for valance lining and trim:

- Cut to make a 108 x 21-inch strip for valance lining, piecing as needed.
- Cut two 4 x 87-inch strips for side panel trim, piecing as needed.

Valance Assembly

Use ½-inch seam allowances unless otherwise noted. Sew with right sides together.

- **1.** With raw edges even, sew valance and valance lining pieces together along both long edges. Press seams open. Turn right side out.
- **2.** Press valance so that top edge of lining and valance are even and lining forms a 1½-inch band along the bottom edge (Figure 1).



Figure 1

- **3.** On side seams on valance, turn under a 1-inch fold and press. Top stitch into place.
- **4.** Cut a length of shirring tape 1 inch longer than the width of the valance. Pin the tape in

place along the top edge on the lining side of the valance $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the top. Turn under the cut edges of the tape and stitch tape in place close to the top and bottom edges (Figure 2).

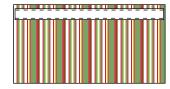


Figure 2

5. Tie the strings together at one end of the valance, and pull the remaining string ends to shirr the valance.

Side Panel Assembly

Use ½-inch seam allowances unless otherwise noted. Sew with right sides together.

1. With raw edges even, sew one side-panel-trim strip to the right-hand edge of one side panel. Pin remaining edge of the trim strip to the left-hand edge of the side-panel lining (Figure 3). Stitch in place and press seam allowances toward trim.



Figure 3

- **2.** Repeat with second side panel, attaching trim to the left-hand side of the panel and the right-hand side of the panel lining.
- **3.** Pin each panel/panel lining unit with right sides together and raw edges even along the top, bottom and side edges. Stitch, leaving an opening in the top edge for turning.
- **4.** Trim corners diagonally and turn panel right side out. Press. Slipstitch opening closed.





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5. Cut a length of shirring tape 1 inch longer than the width of the completed side panel. Refer to steps 4 and 5 of Valance Assembly to sew tape in place and shirr panels.

Back Panel Assembly

Use ½-inch seam allowances unless otherwise noted. Sew with right sides together.

- **1.** Turn under and press a 1½-inch double hem at bottom of back panel. Stitch in place.
- **2.** Turn under and press a 1-inch double hem along each side. Stitch in place.
- **3.** Edge finish remaining raw edge. Turn top edge under 2 inches and press. Stitch 1½ inches from folded edge to form casing.

Hanging Instructions

1. Hang valance rod brackets so the bottom edge of the bracket is 86 inches above the floor and 2 inches outside the sides of the bed (Figure 4).

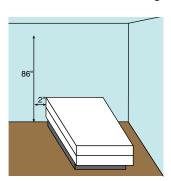


Figure 4

2. Hang the sash rod brackets between the valance rod brackets. Insert sash rod into the casing of the back panel and hang back panel.

- **3.** Attach valance rod to the brackets. Cut two strips of hook-and-loop tape the measurement of the valance rod clearance. Remove backing and attach to the *inside* of the rod along the bracket, ½ inch from the top. Adjust gathers on side panels and attach the loop side of the tape over the shirring tape on the side panels.
- **4.** Cut a strip of hook-and-loop tape equal to the outside of the valance rod and the outside edge of the valance clearance. Remove backing from hook side of tape and attach to the *outside* of the rod ½ inch below the top. Adjust gathers on valance and attach the loop side of the tape over the shirring tape on the valance.
- **5.** Attach the side panels to the inside of the valance rod on the hook tape. Attach valance to the outside of the rod. \odot

