

DIVAN-TYPE SEAT . . .

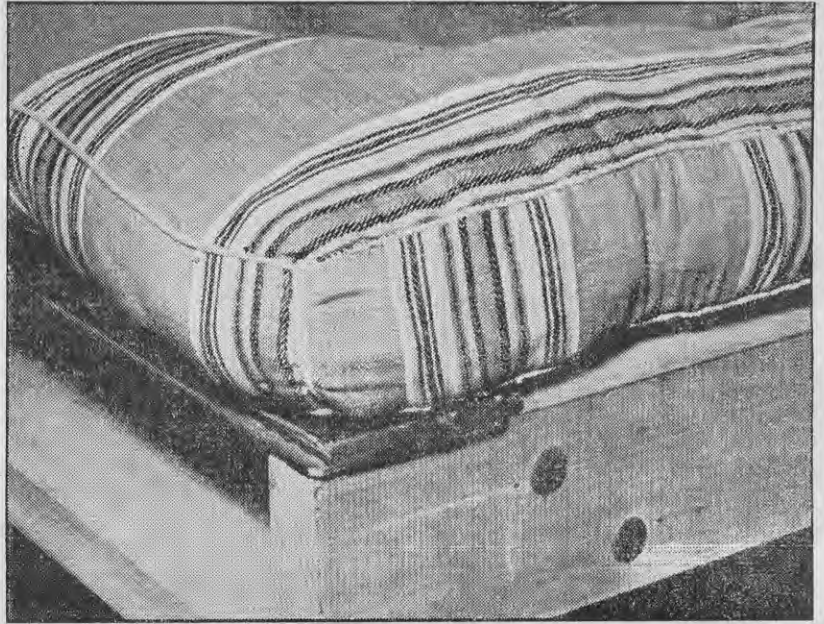
For a cover with a pleated flounce like that illustrated the material required is 4yd. of 60in. wide, 7½yd. of 30in., or 7yd. of 36in. That amount allows for ample turnings, etc., but not for wastage in matching a large pattern. Less material is needed if the flounce is only gathered on or if the pleats are placed at wider intervals. About 11yd. of piping cord or heavy twine is also needed.

Cut a piece of material 26in. wide by 2yd. 2in. long for the top, thus giving 1in. turning all round. Next, cut 5in. wide strips for the panel to run right round the seat. In most widths of material the two long sides can be got out of the same length as the top, leaving only the two ends to be cut from the remaining material; join them to give required length. Lay on the cord at each side and turn the material back about ¾in. Machine stitch close to the cord.

Pin the top cover on to the mattress **right side up** and pin the corded panel on, leaving 1in. turnings on the top part. Make the corners square and fit the cover carefully. Tack and machine on over the first row of stitching, keeping close to the cord again. Finish the open ends of the panel—it will be found easier to do this neatly at a corner or at the centre of one of the ends of the cover.

Gathered Flounce

If the flounce is to be gathered on, a length equal to about 1½ times the measurement round the seat will be sufficient—that is, a strip 15in. wide by 9yd. long. Make the joins, hem the



A corner of the altered mattress.

bottom edge, and gather the top. Set pins to mark each yard and half-yard of the flounce and corresponding places on the panel of the top cover, which should again be pinned on to the mattress.

Start in the centre of a side and pin the two marked places together, lapping the panel over the flounce to give the correct length. Do not have the flounce either too high or dragging on the floor—let it just clear the floor easily. Distribute the fullness evenly, pin securely, tack and then remove the cover and stitch it, keeping close to the cord.

Pleated Flounce

If a pleated flounce like that illustrated is chosen, here is how it is made:

Cut the strips 15in. wide again, but a little longer—about 10½yd. Join them, but leave the two ends free to give a continuous length. Make the hem.

Be sure you have plenty of pins for the next step.

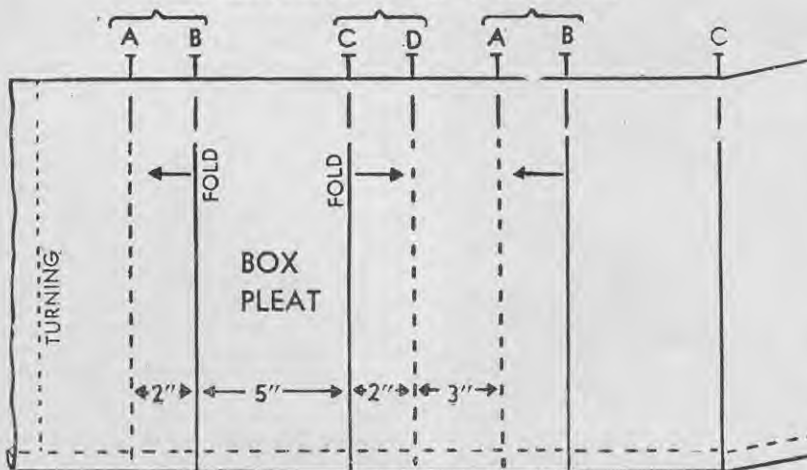
Lay the material right side up on a large table to make the pleats. Measure 4in. along (allowing 1in. for the last join) and mark; fold back a 1in. pleat and pin at top and at the hem. Measure another 5in. for the box pleat and mark. Measure 2in., mark, and make a pleat in the opposite direction to the first. Now one pleat is in position.

Measure 3in. and mark. Measure 2in., fold the second mark back over the first, and pin the pleat in again. Measure 5in. and 2in. and make the other side of the box pleat. Continue making box pleats 5in. wide and 3in. apart with 1in. folds. The diagram shows the method clearly.

Press the pleats in well with a hot iron, using a damp cloth if necessary. Take the flounce and pin it in position, making one pleat fit round a corner and keeping the edge at the correct height from the floor. Pin firmly, tack, and machine, keeping the stitching close to the cord.

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PLEATING THE FLOUNCE



Fold B back over A; fold C forward over D. Five-inch pleats, with 2in. under for folds and 3in. spaces between pleats.