

Basic Instructions for Hanging a Swing Bed or Daybed

We sell a wide variety of swing beds, and since clients install them in a variety of structures, it is important that common sense and ingenuity is used by the owner and/or installer. The following basic principles may be helpful.



NOTE: Ceiling hooks and comfort springs do not usually come with the swing bed. They are a separate item, and what should be purchased may depend on the structure in which you are installing the bed. We offer ceiling

hooks (Item AL1008) and comfort springs (Item AL1009) on our website. Each come in packs of two or four.



Twin-sized Swing Beds may be hung from two or four ceiling hooks (we generally recommend four). Full-sized Swing Beds should be hung from four ceiling hooks.

The Swing Bed should be hung at least 1' from any obstacles side to side. Although it can be hung as little as 1' from a rear wall, it is recommended to leave at least 2' between the bed and the rear wall if possible for clearance.

Measure the distance between the four eyebolts on the Swing Bed (side-to-side and front-to-back distance). This will give you the recommended minimum space to be left between the ceiling hooks that you install above the bed.

Since the bed should be anchored directly into strong beams or joists (not merely into the ceiling material), it may be necessary to spread the ceiling hooks out a little wider than the corresponding hooks on the bed. We generally prefer spreading the ceiling hooks wider rather than pulling them in closer together, unless spacing them closer requires a small adjustment and spreading them wider would require an extreme adjustment.

NOTE: Hardware to attach to your beam or joist (e.g. nuts and bolts, lags) are not included with the ceiling hooks, as you will need to buy the best fit for your beams.

The strongest hold is achieved by drilling through the beam, installing a bolt that goes completely through the beam, and fastening it with a washer and nut. However, the condition of the beam or joist is still a factor.

If the condition of the beam or joist is sound and strong, lags may be used with a pre-drilled hole *smaller* than the lag (this helps prevent having the beam crack or split). Lags or bolts should be weight-rated for greater than the combined weight of the bed and its maximum weight load. Lags or bolts should be large enough to fit snugly through the holes in the ceiling hooks.

We cannot be held responsible for the durability of your pre-existing structure. You will need to judge whether or not your swing bed will hang safely in the place you have chosen, based on the condition of the structure and your choice of hardware. We recommend that swing beds be installed 24" off the ground, but this may be adjusted for your own comfort. Enjoy!

