How To Make a Canopy Frame

IMPORTANT: As we are not professional builders, these are GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS written as best we could. They will require you to do your own measuring and have some minor knowledge of how to put the items together. Please remember that all rooms and beds will be different and require you to very carefully measure your own to make sure your canopy will fit. This makes a very lightweight frame for decorative purposes only. It's meant to hold light sheers on the corners.

Supplies

For our QUEEN sized bed we used the following:

- 3 ea. 8ft boards (1"x2"s)

- 3 ea. 8ft pieces of PVC pipe (1/2")

- 4 ea. 45 degree PVC connectors

- 8 ea. Mounting hooks (J Hooks) These need to be just large enough to hold your PVC pipe. Ours were 1" wide on the hook itself and approx. 3 ½" long from the bottom of the hook to the tip of the thread. Measure them to your PVC pipe to make sure they fit.

- Toggle Bolts (Optional but can be used to secure your frame to the celling if you can't hit studs.)

For our queen bed, which will be different than yours, we used the following:

Wood: Side pieces cut 6'10"   End piece cut: 5'2"

The PVC was approximately the same. MEASURE YOURS WELL! The corner diagonal pieces on the PVC were approximately 3 3/4".

Sheers. Make sure the rod pocket is large enough for your PVC pipe to go through! We used 4 sheers, one per corner. Using double that amount will make for a fuller canopy.

General Instructions (Read everything well before starting)

According to your own measurements, Cut your wood as shown also, including the corner pieces which require some matching up to get the angel right. Paint the wood pieces your desired color. We chose white so it would blend into our celling. After it was painted we decided where our J-Hooks would be placed and drilled a hole then inserted them into the wood before hanging. *Make sure your don't place them where you want your sheers to be as they prevent the sheers from being threaded on where you want them. Look at our photo on the last page.* PLAN AHEAD CAREFULLY.
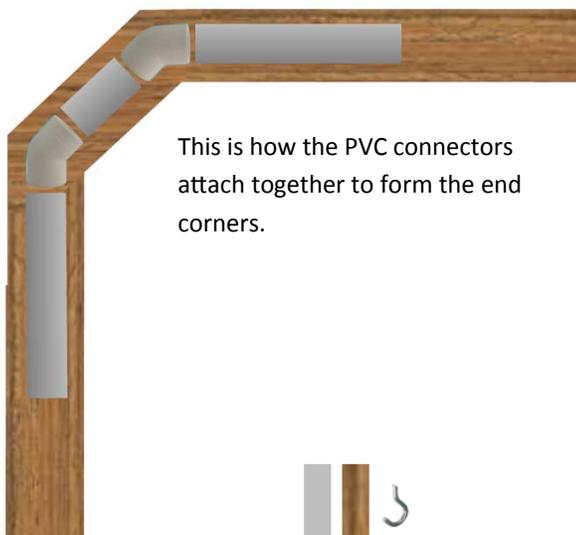
Cut your PVC pipe to make the frame, again, *according to your own measurements*. This requires additional measuring for the comer pieces. Our corner pieces were approximately 3 3/4" long and were then connected to the side pieces with PVC connectors. **Measure yours carefully** to fit your own frame. We spray painted our pipes silver to look like metal.

The boards will be screwed directly into the ceiling *in sections*. (They are not attached together beforehand.) We used 2 screws on each side and one additional screw in each corner. **Using a stud finder we were careful to find the studs in the ceiling so we could insert the screws into those for the side pieces. We placed our screws on those sides where the studs were to secure the frame well. The corner screws were not in studs.** Remember, this is for holding light weight sheers so this would hold well for that.

Lay out your pieces on the floor ahead of time to get a good visual idea of how it will all fit together. **Measure twice** before making your cuts to ensure your lengths are correct. **Don't use PVC glue on the joints.** Just use hand pressure to fit them together. You will need to pop them off to thread your sheers onto the pipe. It also allows for easy removal of the sheers if they need washed.

The placement of the hooks makes it so that you can't move the sheers much, however **they are not meant to be moved but to stay in place for decorative purposes only.** Our end corner sections tended to want to sag a bit so we used clear fishing line and a thumb tack to help hold them up onto the frame.
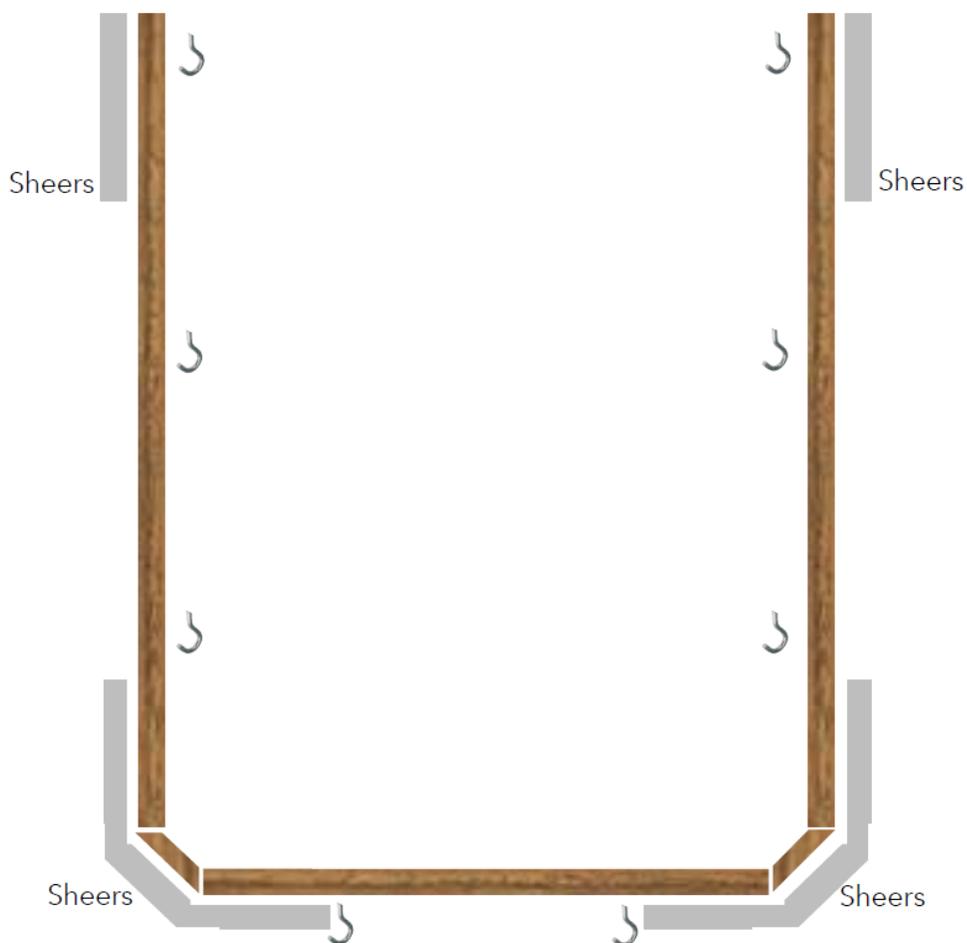
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toggle bolt
OPTIONAL

This is how the PVC connectors attach together to form the end corners.

J-Hooks are screwed directly into the wood frame after the frame is attached to the ceiling. They might go through a bit into the ceiling, which is fine. These are NOT meant to hold the boards up. (You use screws for that.) These are only for holding your rods up.

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