

Fitted Cot Sheet

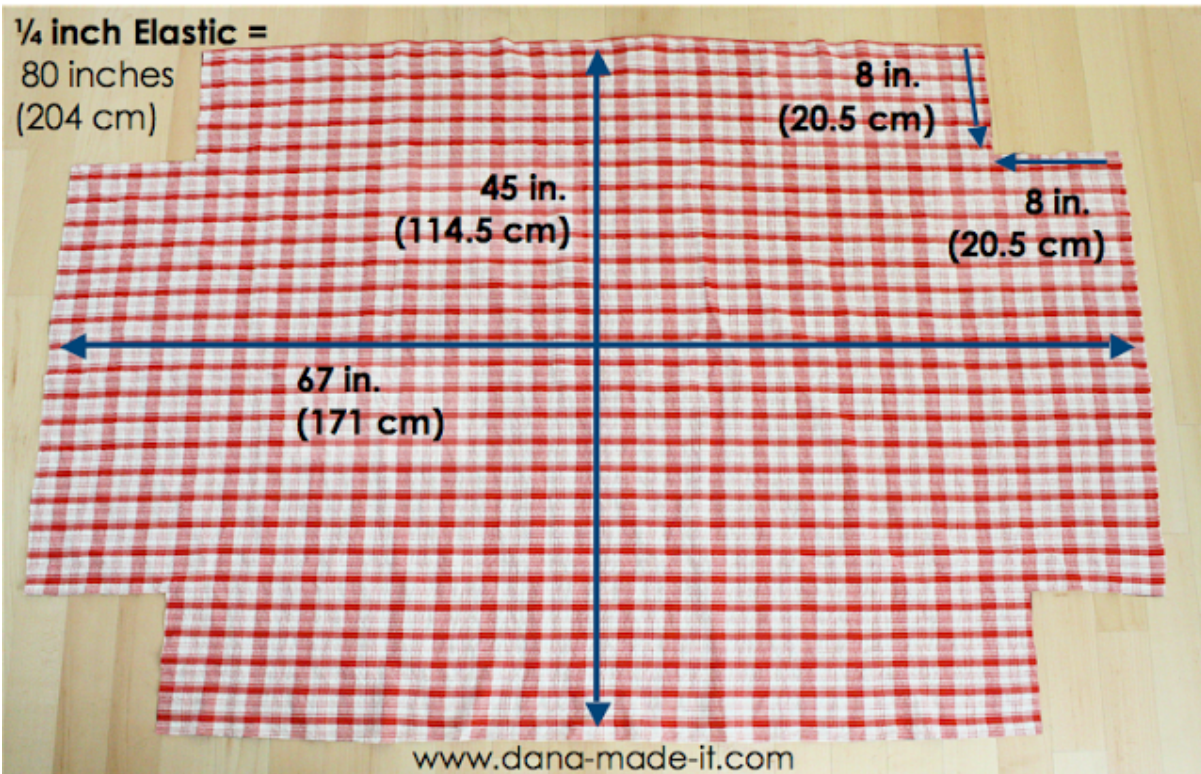
You'll need:

- * 2 yards of fabric
- * 80 inches (204 cm) of skinny 1/4 inch elastic



- * Cut out a rectangle that's: 45 x 67 inches (114.5 x 171 cm)
- * Fold that into fourths (fold it in half and in half) and cut an 8 x 8 in (20.5 x 20.5 cm) square out of the corners, so that your fabric looks like this

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Another way to do this (if you're making multiple sheets), is to cut out a pattern piece that's 1/4 the size of your sheet. It looks like this (or the state of Utah):



Then before cutting anything out, you can fold your fabric into fourths, lay that on top, and easily cut it out.

Okay, with your fabric cut, let's start sewing.

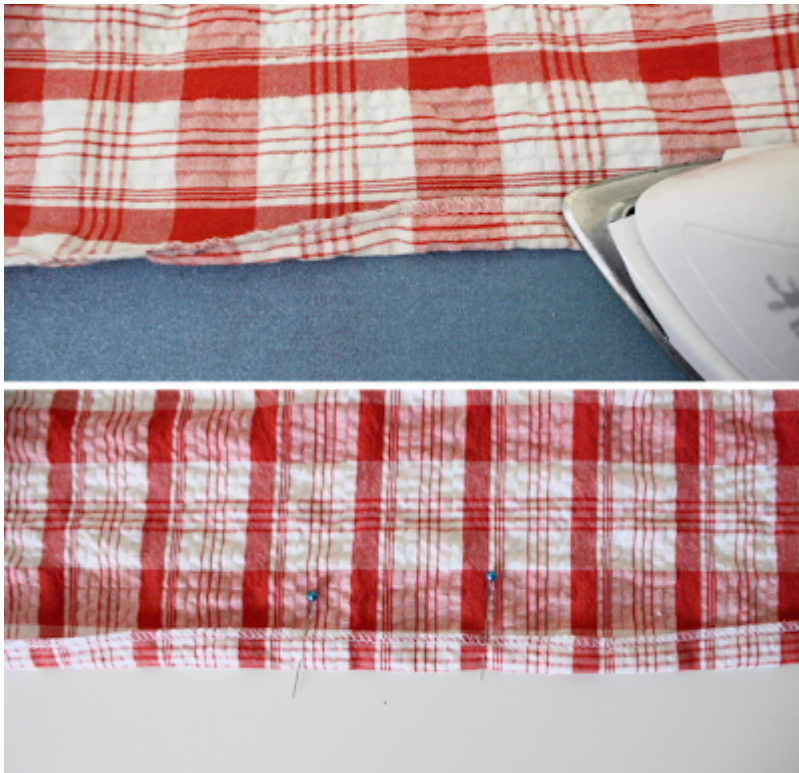
*** Take the two sides of one corner and bring right sides together. Pin them and sew down the side.** This is creating a "pocket" of sorts, to go around the corners of the mattress. Do this to all four corners of the sheet:



*** Serge the seams, zigzag or leave the seams raw.**

*** Serge around the entire outside of the sheet.** This makes it easy to create a casing for the elastic. If you don't have a serger, just iron your fabric over 1/4 inch all the way around and then continue to the next step

* **Iron under the entire edge of the sheet.** You are creating a casing, to string very skinny elastic through.



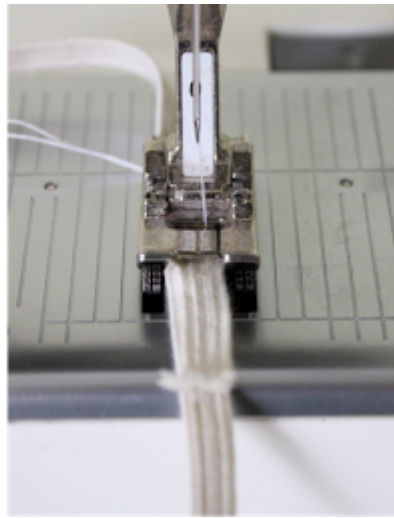
* **Sew down the casing.** You don't need to pin around the entire sheet before you sew (that takes too long) but DO pin a start and stop point so that you leave an opening to get the elastic In and Out. Start sewing from the START point, all the way around the STOP point:



* **Insert the elastic.** Taking your 1/4 inch wide elastic, attach a safety pin to one end, and pin the other end to the sheet. Start stringing it through the casing, all the way around till it comes out the other side:



* **Overlap the ends and sew them** together a few times with a zigzag stitch:



* **Then sew your casing closed.**



And you're done!