# Bed Runners

Hotels are temporary accommodation for travellers. A hotel is a resting place, so the beds in most hotels provide, in addition to blankets, sheets, and pillows, a dark cloth about half a meter wide that is spread across the foot of the bed, called a bed runner. But do you know what a bed runner does?

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Bed runners are partly decorative; they are usually dark and highlight the white background of the bed sheets to make the bed more appealing. Just as women often wear scarves to improve their appearance, so a bed wears a bed runner. They also help to keep the bed sheets clean. When guests enter the room, they often sit or lie on the bed, even while wearing shoes or carrying bags. This is why the bed runner is usually at the foot of the bed, where guests sit. Many people also eat while sitting on the bed, and the bed runner catches the food and even serves as a dining table. And, if the dark bed runner becomes stained, it can be cleaned more easily than pure white sheets.

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What is the purpose of a bed runner?

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Why are bed runners usually dark?