How To Make A Bed In Minecraft, And What They're Used For

To make a bed in Minecraft, you'll need three pieces of wool, and three planks.
- All three pieces of wool need to be the same color, which will also be the color of your bed.
- You can get wool by shearing sheep, and planks by putting logs on your crafting table.

A bed should be part of any Minecraft survivalist's inventory. Not only does it let you skip the entire night, but sleeping in a bed resets your spawn point and keeps Phantoms away.

They're not hard to make, but you'll need to hunt for some crafting ingredients. Here's what you'll need.

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You can get wool from sheep. Cutting the wool off a sheep using shears earns you between one and three pieces, and killing a sheep earns you one. You can also combine four pieces of string (usually dropped by spiders) together to craft one piece of wool.

All of your wool needs to be the same color to be used for a bed. Sheep can naturally spawn with white, gray, black, brown, and (occasionally) pink wool - if you want a different color, you need to combine your wool with a dyeing agent.

Breaking any tree gets you logs, and placing those logs onto a crafting table gets you planks. MINECRAFT makes four planks.

Once you've got three pieces of wool and three planks, line them up on your crafting table. Line the three wool pieces together horizontally, and line the three planks together horizontally in the row below.

This will craft a bed that's color matches the wool you used.

What beds are for in Minecraft

Just like in real life, sleeping is incredibly important in Minecraft for a number of reasons.

Firstly: If you go for three in-game days without sleeping (or dying) and are outside at night or in a thunderstorm, terrifying creatures called Phantoms will spawn in the sky above you. They'll slowly swoop down and attack you until you die or go to sleep.

Second, your bed is your home - literally. Touching a bed (even if you don't sleep in it) sets that bed's location as your spawn point. This means that whenever you die, you'll spawn at

that bed.

Sleeping in a bed at night or during a thunderstorm skips time forward to morning and resets the weather cycle. You don't need to fear the monsters that spawn at night when you've got a safe bed to sleep in.

Finally, beds have a secret function when used in The Nether or The End. If you try to place a bed in either of these dimensions, the bed will immediately explode with force stronger than a block of TNT. There's a good chance that it'll kill you in a single blow if you're not wearing armor.

These explosions are usually a downside, but when used carefully, they can be useful. Since the explosion hurts enemies too, most Minecraft speedrunners use beds to quickly kill bosses like the Ender Dragon. It's risky, but incredibly fun when you pull it off.