



Field Bedstead

Primary Maker

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Medium

Maple, tulip poplar, and hard pine

Description

A maple frame consists of four posts, as well as squared side, head, and foot rails. The tulip poplar headboard is ornamented with a double bow crest. Posts are turned and tapered above the rails, then squared into Marlborough legs from the rails to the floor. The posts end in stepped block feet. Ring turnings exist on all four posts ten inches below the canopy frame. The rails include a beaded outer edge and an inner lip to support the slats. They are tenoned into the posts and fastened with large iron bolts. The collapsible arched tester, made of hard pine, includes small hinges at the center of each arch section, while four narrow slats fit into half-lap notches cut

along the tops of the arch sections. Once assembled, the tester fits onto short iron rods extending from the tops of the posts.

Dimensions

76.13 × 53.5 × 77.5 in. (193.4 × 135.9 × 196.9 cm)