



1. Mate and seat male and female pieces together so that screw holes align. Mark top ends of pieces so they are identified.
2. Center male bracket on end of bed rail. Mark outline of brackets on end of rail, using brackets as a template.
3. Using a flat wood chisel and mallet, chisel out mortise. Side edges of mortise should be beveled to 11°.
4. Position female bracket on bed post at correct height and lateral positions. Mark outline of bracket on bed post, using bracket as template.
5. Cut mortise on bed post, as described in Step 3.
6. Lay out the locations for the deeper mortises required to receive the hooks of the male piece. Using a 1/4" diameter brad-point bit, drill overlapping holes 1/2" deep to remove most of the material or the mortises. Complete by chiseling out surplus material.
7. Place brackets into mortises, drill pilot holes for screws and attach brackets to rail ends and to bed posts. Make certain that the ends marked "top" are oriented correctly.

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