

ADDITIONAL PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS

Below is some information on maintaining your string beds. For painting keep the bed on the frame under tension. Before painting wash the bed and let it dry at least to partially dry. Put the frame on its side and put old newspapers, old blankets or plastic on the floor and also cover up the lower frame pads and springs from paint spots.

BEFORE PAINTING TAKE THE TROUBLE TO LINE UP THE LENGTH STRINGS WHERE THEY ARE NOT WELL ALIGNED IN THE FOLD REGIONS. IF THE BED CLIPS ARE NOT STRAIGHT ALONG THE SIDES OF THE BED IN THIS AREA, THEN YOU HAVE ALL THE STRINGS OFF THE MARK AND THE END SPRINGS ARE PULLING THEM STRAIGHT. COMB ALL THE LENGTH STRINGS OVER TO MATCH THE CURVE IN THE BED CLIPS UNTIL THESE SIDE BED CLIPS ARE PROPERLY ALIGNED. THIS WILL TAKE SOME TIME. REMEMBER THAT YOU WILL BE PAINTING THE STRINGS INTO THE PLACE YOU NOW PUT THEM.

Use exterior latex house paint which is 100% acrylic. Get semi gloss or higher gloss, not flat. (Flat paint has additives to stop the gloss which do nothing for adherence or strength of the paint.) Add a bit of water to the paint in your paint tray, and mix well. This will allow you to apply a thinner layer of paint. Too much paint makes the bed heavy and less responsive. Too little paint allows the strings to move too much and allows the bed to pick up dirt and foot smells more easily. Put less paint around the edges, and extra paint where the bed folds. A broom handle in the handle of your paint roller will make painting easy.

Use a roller with 8 to 10mm thickness and press hard enough to ensure that paint is applied completely around the strings, even at the cross over points.

After the white paint is completely dry, use masking tape to put on the red lines. If you rush the time between white and red paint the red paint may not adhere properly, but don't worry the masking tape will tell you the white paint is not dry yet. The red paint should be a similar paint. It is best applied with a brush.