
Futon Life ^{FL}

Futon Parts

The parts list may include some or all of the following parts (quantities may also vary with the number of parts you have).

The three basic types are:

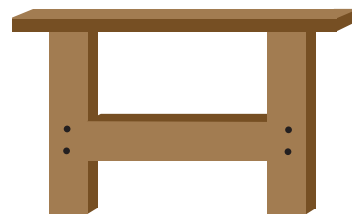
- The Simple Tri-fold (simple bi-fold as well)
- The Tri-fold with Arms (sometimes called a love seat tri-fold)
- The Basic Bi-fold.

Wooden or Metal Frame Body Parts

Most larger wood and metal parts and assemblies will be assembled to create the convertible futon frame body. After each part name there will be a designation as to the type of frame they could be found on.

Arm Assemblies (2, 3):

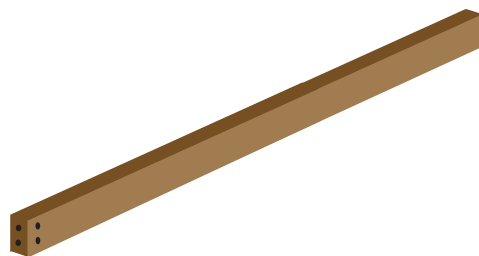
Arm assemblies typically come in pairs, one for each end of the frame.



Stretchers (2, 3):

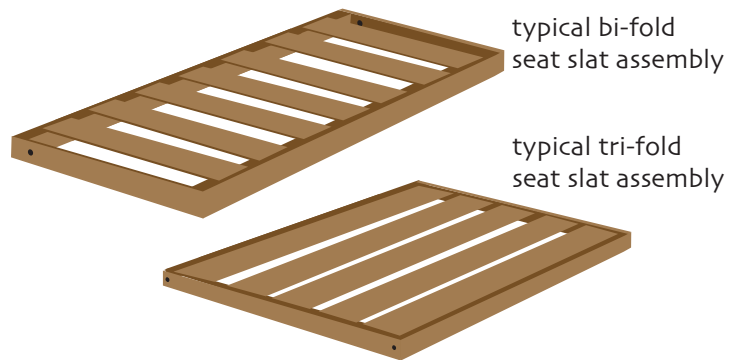
Stretchers typically come in pairs, one for the back and another for the front of the futon frame.

The stretchers are typically bolted into the arm assemblies to create the base of the futon frame.



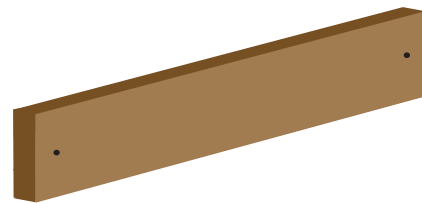
Seat and Backrest (2, 3):

The seat and backrest typically are pre-assembled and look like two ladders. They may look very similar but they are different on each frame. Some seat and backrest hinge mechanisms come pre-assembled. But most will have to be assembled as part of the frame assembly process.



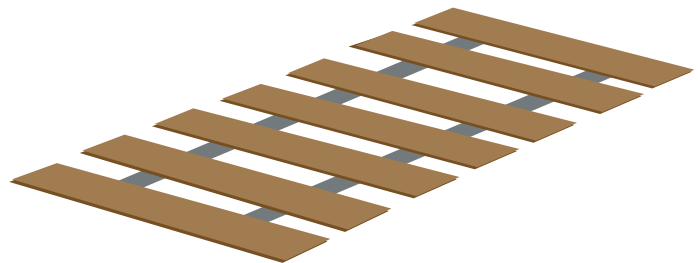
Base Boards (1):

The base boards are usually found only on the simplest of tri-fold frames. They may be different lengths, but typically there are six base boards, four of one length and two of a longer length. On some simple tri-folds all six base boards are the same size and shape.



Slats (1, 2, 3):

The slats are the small boards or strips of wood or metal that are fitted to the seat and backrest, and which support the futon mattress in both the sitting and sleeping positions. For the simple tri-fold there are typically three slat sets that are held together by webbing and are screwed into the base boards. For the frames with arms the slats are typically pre-assembled into the seat and backrest assemblies with screws or commercial/industrial staples for wooden frames and welded for metal.



Some frames may be fitted with European wood or composite pocketed slat racks. These slat racks are made by placing the one end of the slat into a pocket on one side of the assembly and then bending the slat like a bow and placing the other end in the opposite pocket on the other side of the assembly.

