

GARAGE SALES

Reupholstering a Dining Chair

You're browsing the garage sale for extra holiday seating and spot the perfect extra dining chair. But, unfortunately, it's covered in a hideous fabric. Not to worry, reupholstery is a job you can tackle at home with this process from the experts at HGTV.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 1/2 yard of fabric per seat cushion
- 1/2 yard batting per seat cushion
- 2-inch foam
- Temporary fabric pen
- Scissors
- Staple gun and staples
- Screwdriver
- Utility knife

CHOOSING A FABRIC

You'll want to choose a fabric that can withstand the wear and tear of everyday life, so head for the home decor or upholstery fabric section of your local hobby store. These fabrics are typically wider and thicker than the fabrics used for other crafts and apparel. You may not be able to find one that matches any existing



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fabrics in your home, so go for one that compliments. If you're only going to use these at holidays, consider choosing a seasonal fabric that goes with the rest of your decor, or buying enough fabric to make throw pillows for your other seating. Remember to buy

upholstery weight thread and the correct needles to sew through this thick fabric if you're going to do any sewing with it.

THE PROCESS

Remove the seat cushion from the chair frame using a

screwdriver, then remove the original fabric and foam. Set the hardware to the side in a plastic bag or a bowl. You'll need it later. Trace the seat on the new foam using the fabric pen and cut it out using a utility knife. Using the new foam as your pattern, trace and cut

the fabric for your seat cover. Remember to leave a few extra inches for covering the sides of your chair. You can always trim it up after it's reassembled. Use the fabric as a template to cut new batting.

Attach the batting to the seat using a staple gun, pulling it tight as you go. Trim any excess batting along the outer edge of the staple line. Attach the fabric in much the same way. Make sure to pull the fabric tight around any curved corners. Before you reattach the seat, give your chair a good scrubbing and polishing. Finally, put your recovered seat back onto the chair frame using the original hardware.

SPOT CLEANING

If the worst happens and someone spills their turkey gravy on your new chair, don't fret. You can get those stains out with a few household cleaners, like dish soap and hydrogen peroxide. Fill a large bowl with hot water and a couple of drops of the soap. Wet down a microfiber or lint-free cloth and wet the entire area to be cleaned, scrubbing lightly. Spray the hydrogen peroxide on an inconspicuous spot and leave it for 10 minutes. If the fabric remains the same, scrub it again with the soap and water and then treat the stain the same way. Let the chair dry completely and you're good to go.

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SELLER'S TIP

Price Everything

Most people will not want to ask the price of something, so if it's not clearly listed, they might walk away. In order to make sure that you earn the most money possible, be sure to put a price tag on every item.

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