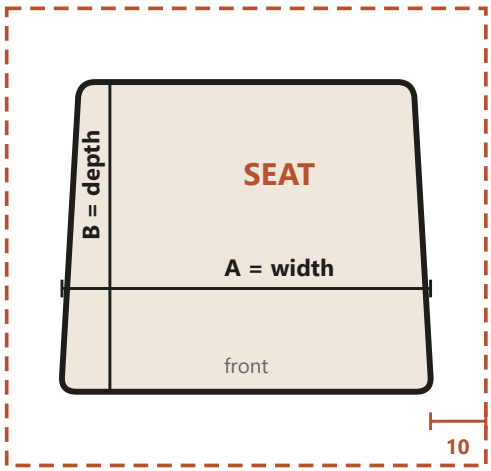
Reupholster a dining chair

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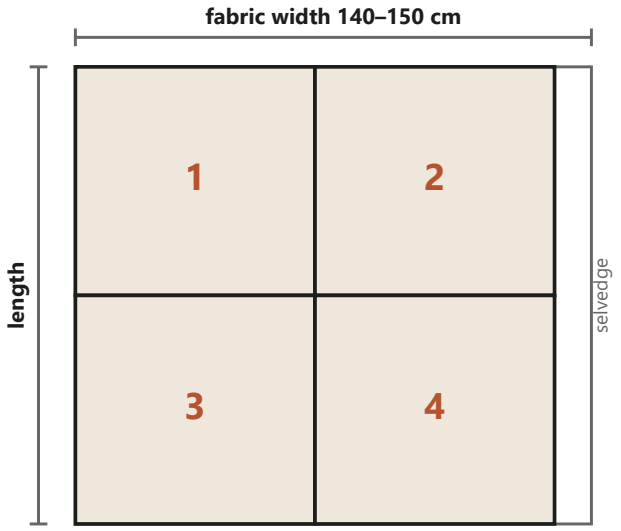
Measuring and cutting sheet · drop-in seat · no sewing machine · about 45 min a chair

1. Measure



cutting line: 10 cm all round

2. Cutting layout



2 pieces side by side

Seat wider than 50 cm: 1 piece per width.

A (widest point)		cm
B (deepest point)		cm
Cut fabric: A + 20 cm		cm
Cut fabric: B + 20 cm		cm
Cut wadding: A + 12 cm		cm
Cut wadding: B + 12 cm		cm
Number of chairs		

3. How much to order?

Chairs	Fabric 140–150 cm	Wadding 160 cm
2	0.7 m	0.6 m
4	1.4 m	1.2 m
6	2 m	1.8 m
8	2.7 m	2.3 m

For seats up to 48 × 45 cm. Stripes or checks: 10% extra.

What you need

Fabric (upholstery leather, canvas or bouclé), wadding 100 g, 3–4 cm foam if needed, staple gun with 6 or 8 mm staples, flat screwdriver, pliers, scissors, tape measure, pencil.

4. How to do it

1. Unscrew the seat. Draw an arrow to the front on the underside and number the seats.
2. Remove the old staples and fabric. Keep the fabric as a template.
3. Check the foam. If a dent stays in it, replace it (3–4 cm thick).
4. Cut the fabric 10 cm bigger than the seat all round and the wadding 6 cm bigger.
5. Stack: fabric right side down, wadding, foam, board with the underside up.
6. Put one staple in the middle of the front, then back, left and right. Turn over and check.
7. Staple from the middle to the corners, every 2 cm, swap sides. Stop 5 cm from the corner.
8. Pull the point over the corner and staple it. Fold the flaps into small pleats, staple and trim.

Tips

Upholstery leather is stiff: warm the corners with a hairdryer. Pull bouclé equally hard on all sides. Finish one chair completely before cutting all the pieces.