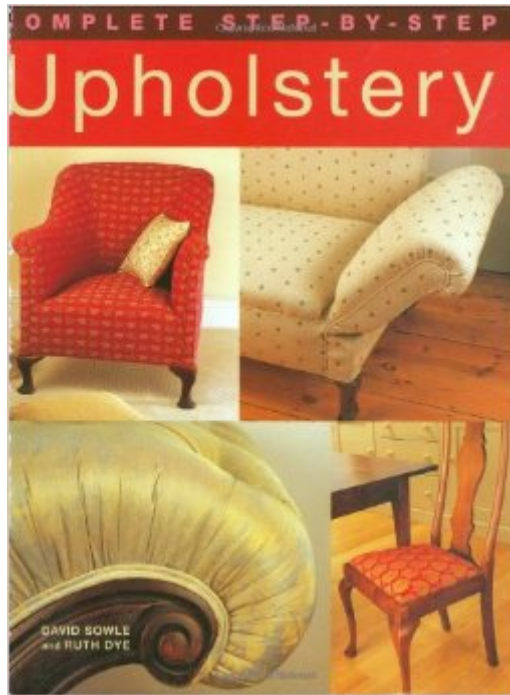


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# Complete Step-by-Step Upholstery



## Synopsis

With 15 easy to follow, fabulously illustrated step-by-step projects, this is just what the beginning upholsterer needs. The first eight items--including a drop-in-bottom chair, overstuffed seat, and box cushion--teach the fundamental techniques required to tackle any upholstery task that might arise. After that, it's time to get more creative, with a beautiful Art Deco armchair, chaise longue, leather chesterfield, and more. Each project includes a list of tools and materials, a quick overview of the key skills, and tip boxes to make the work go more smoothly.

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This book directs the reader through several projects, beginning with a very simple one to one that is quite complicated. Covers a wide range of techniques, and displays each step quite clearly with many good photographs. The book is particularly valuable for upholstering antique pieces with materials similar to what would have been original to the piece. There is not a piece of foam used in any of the projects. Some upholsterers find that the vegetable fiber is more difficult to smooth out than foam, particularly for the inexperienced student. But if you want to see traditional techniques beautifully illustrated, this is the book for you.

This book is precisely for the beginner who wants to know how to do upholstery the traditional way -- not simply slap a piece of foam in place and call it a day. The steps involved may put some people off because it seems to be a lot of work. But upholstery IS a lot of work; and done this way,

will last more than one's lifetime. If you are someone looking for shortcuts, then this is not the book for you. If you are interested in learning proper techniques that will stand the test of time, this is definitely a great reference -- you won't be disappointed.

This is an excellent resource for beginners and experts alike! Great photos and step by step instructions.

I scoured the internet searching for resources to reupholster a family heirloom. It had been stored for many years, so I was totally grossed out when I found dead baby mice inside the horsehair seat. While looking for resources online, I was disappointed to find amateur instructions that included stapling rather than tacking. My husband purchased this book for Christmas and I was delighted to find instructions on how to reupholster the chair, beginning to end. It included lists of supplies for each project, clear step-by-step in color pictures using traditional methods. It also showed me how to attach buttons- something that I thought would be impossible for me to replicate. I can't wait to finish my project!!! Thank you for this practical, informative book that allows me to recreate the chair as traditionally as possible.

The instructions are step by step, but out of date -- so you'll learn how to use hessian (or burlap, as we call it) webbing and vegetable fiber. If that excites you, buy the book. As a secondary book for someone looking to restore older pieces, it would be excellent. But, for someone looking for a primary, contemporary guide (using tools like staple guns, nailers, foam cushions, etc) this book is useless. There should be clearer communication about the nature of the instruction (maybe adding traditional or old-fashioned in the title). But the instructions on caning a chair are awesome and with a lot of us updating cane chairs, that's useful. Not worth buying the book for, but useful.

The author covers materials, methods of construction, and options for upholstering or re-upholstering in traditional style. There are ample photographs and illustrations, and the author has selected some nice pieces as examples. I recommend it for the new upholstery learner, or those curious about traditional upholstery methods.

This book was good to flip through as far as getting a basic idea of how to upholster & to learn a few tricks. I didn't find it as helpful as some other really detailed books though. It was worth a read, but not something I'm keeping in my permanent library to reference again. The upholstery types are

outdated and not classic outdated, just old outdated. (Not old enough yet to be "cool.")

I have never tried upholstery and this book has given me not only the knowledge to do so, but the confidence too. I am a visual learner and all the photos are most helpful. Happy sewing.

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