

FWAC FACT SHEET 2 - *Re-upholstering furniture*



- 1.** Take note of the way the item is upholstered. The number of webbing straps and the position of springs are important. Then remove the old upholstery carefully, using a flat-blade screwdriver and pincers.
- 2.** If your seat has webbing, attach new webbing using staples or tacks. Make sure it's tight, without distorting the frame. Weave the cross webbing as it was originally, and use plenty of staples, as the springs will put lots of tension on these webs. Staple the top layer of hessian or calico in place.
- 3.** Insert the springs into place by compressing them and pushing in between the webbing and the hessian. Once you're happy with their position, tie them with some jute string. Use an upholstery needle (or a piece of tie-wire) to help.
- 4.** Add some comfort with dacron and foam. Cut these to shape with scissors, and then lay them, along with the seat frame, on the fabric. Pull the fabric up to the frame and staple off on one side only. Pull the fabric tightly to the other side, checking the shape of the seat as you go. You may need to push and pull the foam to get it in an even position, without lumps and bumps. Then staple the other two sides in the same way, leaving the corners until last.
- 5.** Cut the corners of the fabric so that it will overlap by only about 1cm. This avoids a build-up of fabric thickness. Staple the corners down, and finish off the underside with a piece of calico.

