

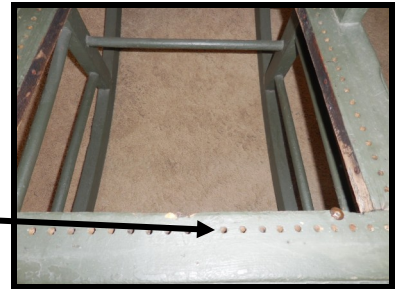
ROCKING CHAIR MAKEOVER

The key to decorating on a budget is to think outside the box. Think of things you can repurpose and use in a different way. That is what I did when I decided I wanted to change the fabric on this antique sewing/nursing rocker.



I purchased this rocking chair for \$15 several years ago. It didn't even have a seat on it, but I loved the painted green color!

You can see that at one time it probably had a cane seat indicated by the holes around the seat.



I had to cut a piece of plywood and add a piece of foam to make the seat for it, then covered it with floral fabric that I thought went well with the green paint. Now, that my decorating style has changed, I can easily replace the fabric.

At first, I went to the fabric store and just couldn't find anything I liked. Besides, a yard of wool costs around \$25!!! The other day while at Goodwill, I saw this wool, plaid skirt and look how much fabric is in it! Since it is a wrap skirt, I didn't even have to rip it apart!

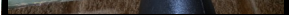


So, let's get started on this makeover!

First, remove any screws that might be holding the seat down.



Remove the old fabric..you might need a pair of needle nose pliers and a screw driver. If you just pull a little on the fabric any staples will pop right out.

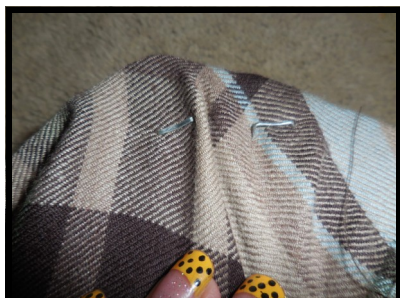


Lay your seat on the fabric. Since this also has a stripe, be really conscientious about keep the lines straight.



You will need a staple gun for this project. I have an electric one, but a manual one works well too. Start securing the fabric with staples. Start on one side and place a staple, then gently pull the fabric taut and staple the other side. Then do the other two sides. Now that the fabric is secure on all four sides, begin stapling around the seat.





When you get to the corners, gather the fabric in your hands and pull the corner tight, stapling to secure. You might have to pleat the fabric to get it to look right. Cut off an excess material and replace the seat onto your chair, securing with the screws you removed earlier.

Just by changing the fabric you can get a whole new look!



TOTAL COST
OF THIS
PROJECT WAS
\$3.99 FOR THE
SKIRT I
PURCHASED
AT
GOODWILL.



A sewing rocker was called that because without the arms on it, it was easy to pull thread when sewing. Also, used to nurse babies! One of these days, if I can find someone who can put a cane seat on it, I will have it refurbished! Until then, this works for me!

Blessings,
Terri