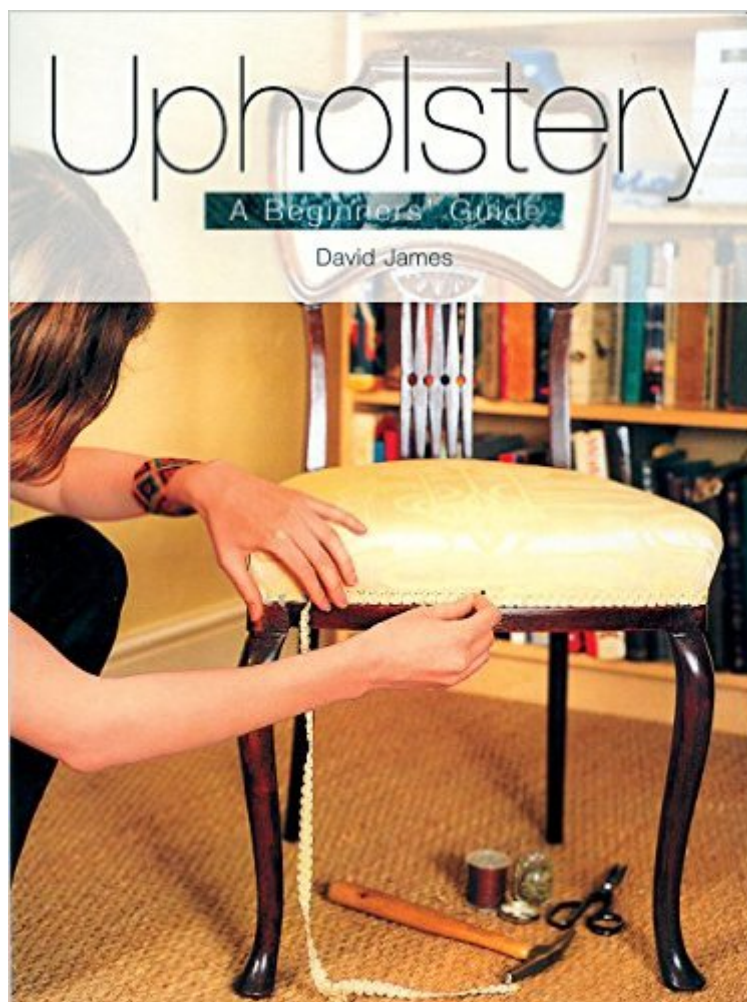


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# Upholstery: A Beginners' Guide



## Synopsis

For the beginner inspired to renovate, update, or restore an existing piece of upholstery, this new and practical guide, by prominent author David James (*Upholstery: A Complete Course, Upholstery: Techniques & Projects*) is the essential color-illustrated reference. It contains everything a novice needs to know and covers all the basics: planning the project; buying equipment; selecting good-quality material, such as foams, animal hair, webbings, and twine; choosing the right fabrics and trimmings or making your own; removing old upholstery; and preparing new frames. Ten beautiful, fully-detailed projects, presented in order of difficulty, include a Mahogany Stool with a Drop-in Seat, small Edwardian Country-Style Armchair, 19th-century Walnut Writing Chair, Bed Headboard, Four-Fold Screen, and Balloon-Back Dining Chair.

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This is a really great book -- a sort of shortened version of his "Upholstery: A Complete Course". I think this is by far the best book for people who are interested in learning upholstery. It is superior to Singer's "Upholstery Basics" and makes Sunset's "Simply Upholstery," truly simplistic. They pale in comparison. All of David James' books are great -- very thorough and well written. There is an obvious difference in books that are written by those who love the craft and those that are simply informative. If videos were offered of what David James teaches in his books, it would be like having your very own private upholstery lessons!

I thought this book was okay, a good overview. It was well written and thoughtfully laid out. It didn't wow me. This book is geared more for people who want to work on older furniture, mainly chairs. I want to reupholster my couch and love seat. In that respect, this book was minimally helpful and I'm going to have to buy another book to fill in the gaps. Keep that in mind if you want to purchase this book. Also, the author and much of the reference information is UK-based.

I ordered this book because I wanted the "baby steps" version of upholstery. I have several books on this subject, this is the only one that motivates me, knowing--yes I can do it!

I have glanced through the book. I am a self-taught upholsterer, with projects all around my home to do. I pretty much copy the existing pattern and method of upholstery as each project was originally put together. There have been challenges along the way with a few upholstered chairs. This book has color and detailed illustrations. I do own two other books by David James. I wish I had owned this book earlier.

I bought this book ages ago with plans to re-upholster 4 Queen Anne chairs. Now that I finally have the time for the project, I've reviewed the book & discovered that, although this is a very informative & detailed book, it seems to be for people who are planning to upholster antiques and/or fine furniture with the best of materials. Although that is a lovely endeavor, I cannot turn a sow's ear into a silk purse & do not plan to buy curled animal hair to stuff my chair. I just wanted simple directions to replace the existing foam core with a new foam core. If you have an antique or family heirloom that you wish to restore, this is the perfect book for you. If you have some nice items that you'd like to update (but didn't cost more than, say, \$500/pop originally), you might want to look elsewhere!

Good basic guide in the beginning of the book with basic description of tools and techniques. Good breakdown of techniques and summarizing what is needed to accomplish them. Shows the old way of doing things not cutting corners. The last part of the book puts all of these separate techniques together and a few pieces are reupholstered.

A really good book on the subject. While none of the books can cover every single situation that you may encounter they try to give general information on how to approach the things you're most likely to encounter. This book is no exception. It is well written, well presented, and easy to reference.

It works for what I am needing to know. No problems with it and I'm glad to add it to my library.

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