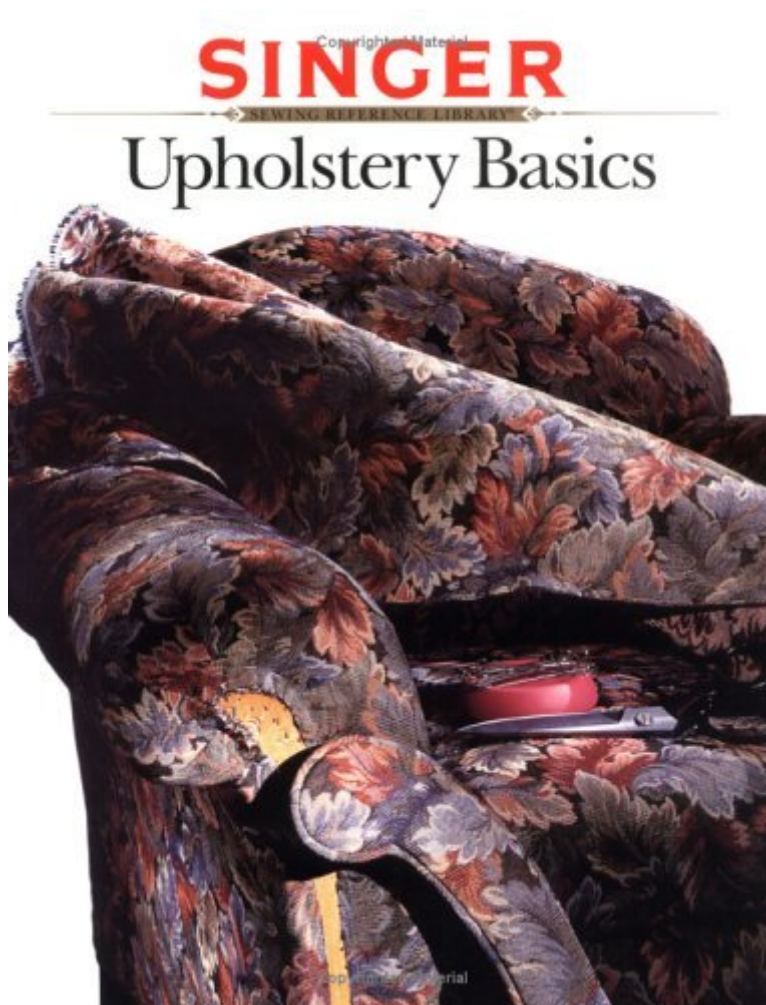


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# Upholstery Basics (Singer Sewing Reference Library)



## Synopsis

Think of the money you can save by recovering your favorite chair instead of replacing it. This book covers all of the basic techniques you'll need to reupholster outdated furniture. From wood footstools to over stuffed chairs, there's a good variety of projects you can accomplish with the help of this bestselling book. The fantastic how-to photos and easy-to-understand text make this a must-have for anyone interested in learning upholstery.

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## Customer Reviews

As a 25 year journeyman upholsterer, I find this book to be the most easily understood and fundamental that I have found. I use it in my Adult Education upholstery class as the best text for any beginner to learn the basics.

I have several books so far about upholstery, but by far, this singer book is the best. The title is not misleading. It is about basics, but with it's common sense instructions and useful illustrations, the techniques demonstrated can be combined and used to reupholster many styles of furniture. If you

are looking for a book to teach you about more advanced techniques, you will have to look elsewhere, but if you are just beginning, then I can't think of a better source to take fear out of your first project.

This is the most thorough book I have ever seen on the subject of upholstery. It shows everything from tying springs to replacing batting. Every step is illustrated with full color photos. (No line drawings!) I haven't used it yet, but it looks extremely easy to follow. I have several books from the Singer Sewing Reference Library. They're all great!

After reading all the good reviews, I bought this book when I wanted to reupholster my couch. I had never reupholstered anything before, though I have intermediate sewing skills and very basic carpentry skills. I started by making new cushion covers, and moved on to the rest, and I was able to do an amazingly good job, I still sit across from it and admire how well it turned out! I even learned a few things about what I can get my clunky old sewing machine to do with special feet. I don't think I have ever seen a better, more clearly written and organized instructional book. The photographs really support the text, step by step, I think it's as good as taking a really good class. I'm excited to try retying springs now, though who knows how that will turn out...

I was looking for a book that would show me how to re-upholster antique French Provincial furniture. This book shows you how. It is so well illustrated, that I wouldn't hesitate to tackle the job myself. Complete instruction on how to install padding, liners or fabric, stapling the edge, then trimming the overage, then installing the braiding with brass tacks. To look at the outside, I always thought it was attached with the tacks, when in reality, the material is attached first underneath with staples. That creates an even overall attachment. Then you can concentrate on adding the brass tacks to the braiding-cover evenly. That is just one example of the step by step instructions-something unusual in most books. A picture says a thousand words, so it is well illustrated with photographs. It is easy to be disappointed in how to books, this is not one of them. I don't have anything negative to say about this book at all. Buy it, you won't be sorry.

Thorough and helpful. Everything you need to know about reupholstering and nothing you don't. Project examples fill the last 1/8 of the book. If you want to learn how to reupholster for the first time, get this book. Filling, stuffing, springs...you can do all this yourself. All you need is a sturdy frame.

I completed a 12-week upholstery class in my area. The class did not include a manual, just a few handouts, so I was looking for a book to supplement my classroom instruction. This was a wonderful book and included great photographs, not just illustrations. Many of the steps that I was a little foggy on were covered in this book. Great resource guide and the step-by-step photographs are fantastic. I have several Singer sewing books and I have been pleased with the details and steps of all the ones I have. This book is a wonderful addition to my collection.

A book is good or bad depending on your expectations. This book concentrates mostly on how to do the covers of the sofas and seats, but it is incomplete in providing information about frames, springs and so on. Modern upholstery techniques are barely covered. I'm sorry to disagree with the rest of the reviewers, but I think that you need to know the other side of this book.

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