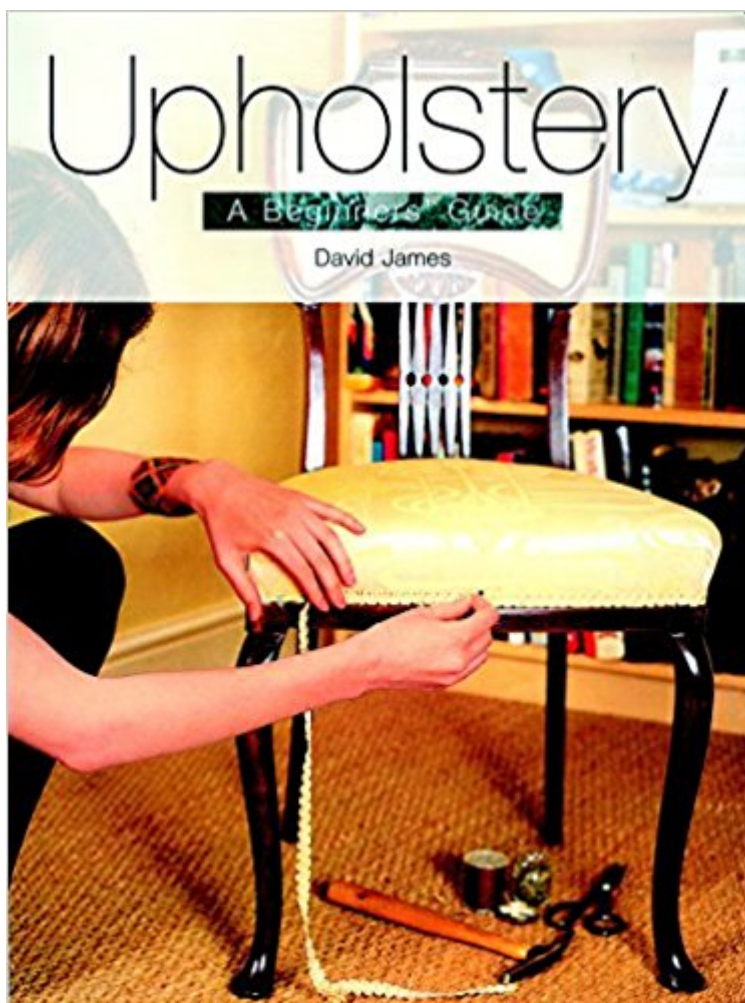


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# Upholstery: A Beginners' Guide



## 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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## Customer Reviews

David James has worked in upholstery since leaving school. He teaches upholstery at the university level and has recently been awarded an Honorary Fellowship by Buckinghamshire New University. His recent work as an upholstery consultant includes wall coverings and projects involving the restoration of historic upholstery. This will be David's eighth book on upholstery, all published by GMC.

Book did not contain specific importance of pattern repeats and the need to know the pattern repeat

and account for it when purchasing fabric in order to have sufficient fabric for the project. It did not clearly state where the pattern repeat should match.

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.

The perfect book to begin learning how to upholster furniture. Get an old chair to practice on and you'll become proficient by the time you're finished with the job.

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

Handy quick reference

Sent it back, could not understand it.

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.

Pretty pictures - how-to poorly done!

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