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The Cost of Upholstery

We're often asked "how much does it cost to reupholster?" The answer depends on many factors, including the style of furniture, whether it will require repairs, and the fabric cost.

Old furniture is valuable because the frames typically are made of **hardwood** such as ash or maple, feature **mortise-and-tenon or doweled joints**, and use **metal coils or metal zig-zag springs** for support. Much new furniture is much more cheaply made. This YouTube video shows what we often see inside lower-quality new furniture:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=seeW4WovrEA>

It's safe to say that a **typical upholstered chair** may require three to four days of labor to disassemble, perform any necessary repairs and reattaching/re-tying of springs, measure, cut and sew the new covering, then attach the new fabric cover to the chair. For a **couch**, allow five days. It is all hand labor of the highest quality, and it takes time.

The **padding** in your new furniture is another example where quality matters. We use a **particular type of foam** that rebounds easily, does not sag, and will last a long time. It is more expensive than foam found in off-the-shelf furniture, but worth every penny. We cover the foam with a thin layer of soft dacron polyester, and in many chairs there is also a layer of cotton.

Your choice of **fabric** is another cost. Upholstery fabric is thick and durable, and costs more than fabric made for clothes and curtains. You may find a good fabric for \$40 a yard or \$140 a yard. We buy fabric wholesale and sell retail, but we are happy to inform you of any sales we find and pass the savings on to you. If you bring your own fabric, we charge a "cutting fee" to recover the lost cost of a fabric sale.

When someone chooses to reupholster, it is typically for one or more of several reasons.

- 🔊 The chair or sofa is exceptionally comfortable, fits your body, and fits your room.
- 🔊 The piece has sentimental value.
- 🔊 The piece is of a quality that is no longer found.
- 🔊 The piece is of a style that is no longer found.

Reupholstery is not a cheaper alternative to buying good new furniture. People choose it for the reasons outlined above. If you select our shop to do your work, we give a personal guarantee that the work will be of the finest quality, with an honest appraisal of any problems or issues, and a finished product that will stand the test of time.

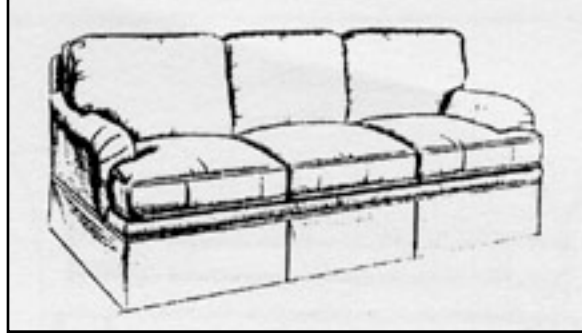
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Standard sofa, with loose back and loose seat cushions, and skirt.

Base price: \$1500-2000, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.
Fabric: 18+ yards, depending on pattern repeat. A patterned fabric will require more yardage in order to match. See photo below.

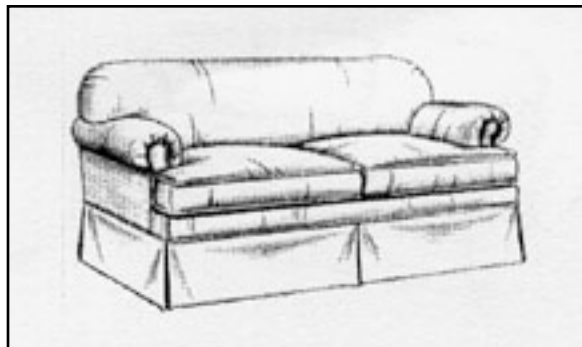


An example of a matched pattern.



Standard sofa, tight back and loose seat cushions.

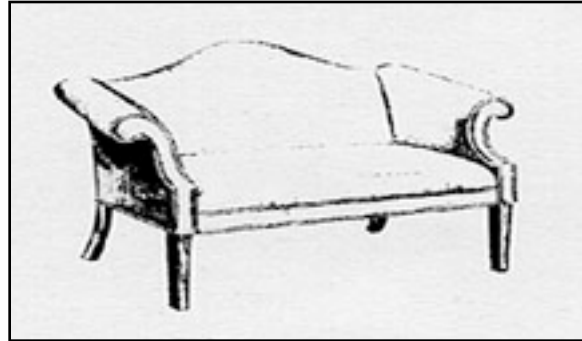
Base price: \$1300-1600, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.
Fabric: 17+ yards, depending on pattern repeat. A patterned fabric will require more yardage.



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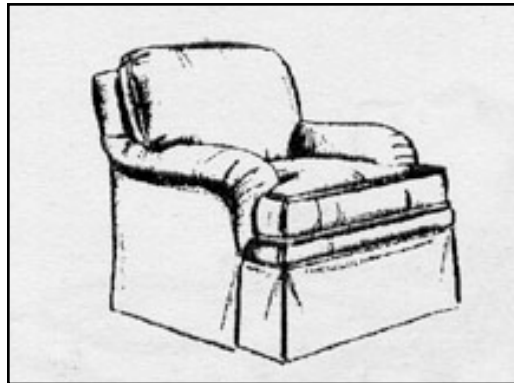
Sofa, tight back and tight seat.

Base price: \$1000-1200, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.
Fabric: 10+ yards, depending on pattern repeat. A patterned fabric will require more yardage.



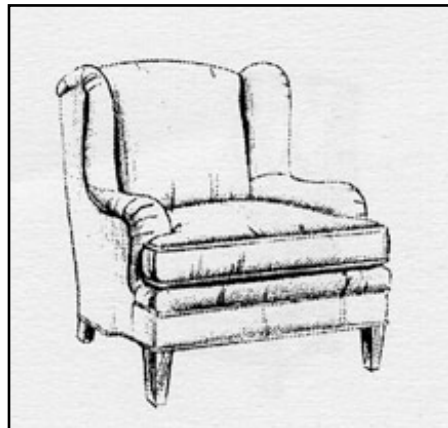
Arm/lounge chair, loose back and loose seat cushion.

Base price: \$800-1000, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.
Fabric: 8+ yards, depending on pattern repeat. A patterned fabric will require more yardage.



Wingback armchair, tight back, loose seat cushion.

Base price: \$700-900, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.
Fabric: 8+ yards, depending on pattern repeat. A patterned fabric will require more yardage.



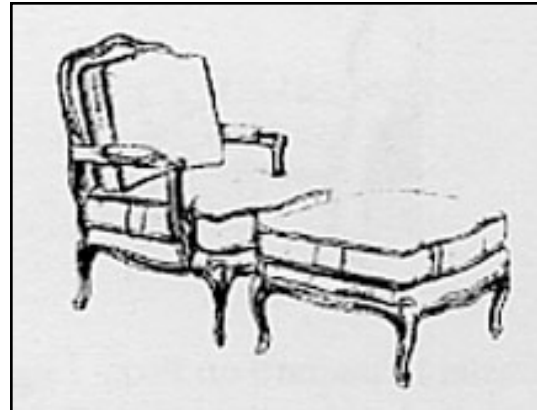
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Louis armchair, with loose back and loose seat cushion, plus an ottoman.

Base price: \$1000-1200, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.

Fabric: 5+ yards for the chair, 2+ for the ottoman, depending on pattern repeat.

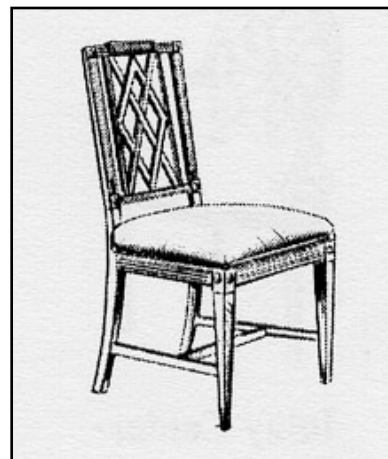
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Dining chair with slip seat (attached with screws).

- **Wrapover seat, base price:** \$35, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.
- **Boxed & corded, base price:** \$75, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.
- **Stapled to the frame, perhaps with webbing, base price:** \$150, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.

Fabric: 1/2+ yard for one, 3/4+ for two.



Dining chair with attached seat and back.

Base price: \$200-300, depending on details; fabric & foam not included.

Fabric: 2+ yards, depending on pattern.

