

woven chair seat how-to

MATERIALS

- Needle-nose pliers
- Screwdriver
- Three colors
 6 mm macramé
 cord (sold in
 100-yard rolls)
- Two 15.75 mm crochet hooks
- Lighter

Step 1 Remove the cushion from a chair. Using a needle-nose pliers and a screwdriver, remove any staples and other attachments that held the cushion in place.

Step 2 Place a roll of 6 mm macramé cord underneath the chair; we used white to create the warp, or vertical, element of the pattern. Tie the white cord to the bottom left-hand corner with a square knot (A), leaving a 4-inch tail. Weave the cord behind the center back bar, then up and over the top bar (B). Loop the cord around a crochet hook, pulling tight (C). Pull the cord down, behind the center back bar, and over the front seat bar; insert the other crochet hook through that loop. Continue to wrap cord under the center back bar, up and over the top

of the frame. As you work, grab each new loop with the hook, pull it through the previous loop, and make a modified crochet chain stitch (D). Repeat along the top and bottom, covering the whole chair with your vertical warp; tie off with a double knot (E).

Step 3 To create the weft, or horizontal, pattern, draw different colors of cords horizontally through the vertical weave, working from the bottom of the seat up and looping chain stitches as before (F). Once finished with the seat, tie off, then create sections to complete the seat back (G).

Step 4 Tie off all cords and trim ends, using a scissors, to about 1 inch. Melt the ends using a lighter (H); while hot, press cords to the chair to stick in place.



