

Rowley project list: Upholstering a Glider Rocker and Footstool

Glider rockers are a staple furniture piece in a Nursery, which makes this project the perfect **add-on sale**. We started with a retail rocker and transformed it into a custom piece by re-upholstering the cushions and footstool.



MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

Rowley Products

Polyester Batting
 Polyester Iron-On Batting
 R-TEX Polyester Welt Cord - 1/4"
 Fringe Adhesive
 Glass Head Straight Pins
 #36 Crimp Button Forms
 #36 Crimp Cutter and Setter – Heavy
 Grommet / Button Press
 Grommet Press Cutting Block
 Chipboard
 Crimp Button Setter Adapter
 Scissors
 A&E Upholstery Thread
 R-TEX Poly Cord - 0.8 mm
 Straight Mattress Needle
 Spray Adhesive
 R-TEX Sew-On Hook Tape - 1"
 R-TEX Sew-On Loop Tape - 1"
 R-TEX Micro Welt Cord - 4/32"
 John James Hand Sewing Needles

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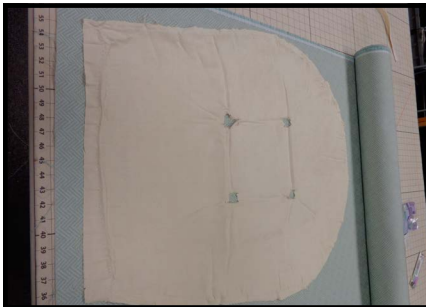
UPHOLSTERING A GLIDER ROCKER AND FOOTSTOOL: STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

This project guide covers the steps to re-cover the back cushion and add button details, change the seat cushion into a boxed cushion with welt cord and re-cover the footstool with boxing and welt. It also covers steps for making a custom lumber pillow that pulls the entire look together.

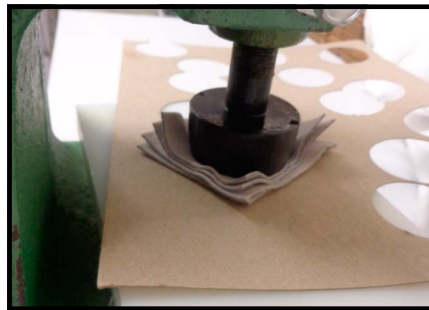
Glider Rocker Back Cushion:

Preparing the Pieces:

- 1 Cut away the old cover.
- 2 Fold the front piece in half and trim so the pattern is symmetrical.
- 3 Mark pattern for tie and button placement.
- 4 From the pattern, cut the front and back fabric pieces.



- 5 Cut four tie pieces.
- 6 Cut and make enough welt to go around the cushion sides and top.
- 7 Cut and make 8 buttons.



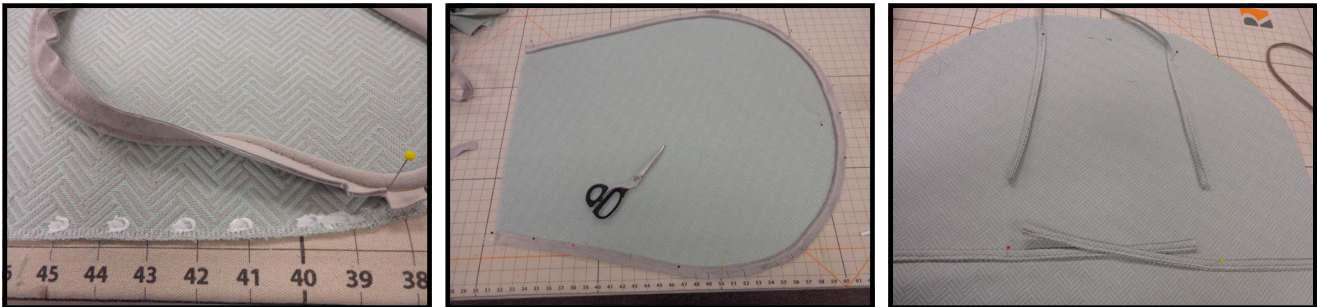
Making the Ties and Preparing the Front:

- 1 Fold in the ends and press.
- 2 Fold each side of the tie into the center and press.

- 3** Fold in half, lengthwise and press again.
- 4** Top-stitch through all layers.



- 5** On the front, glue-baste the welt to the sides and top, cutting away the welt from the casing at the start and stop points.
- 6** Sew welt to front.
- 7** Sew ties to back at marks.

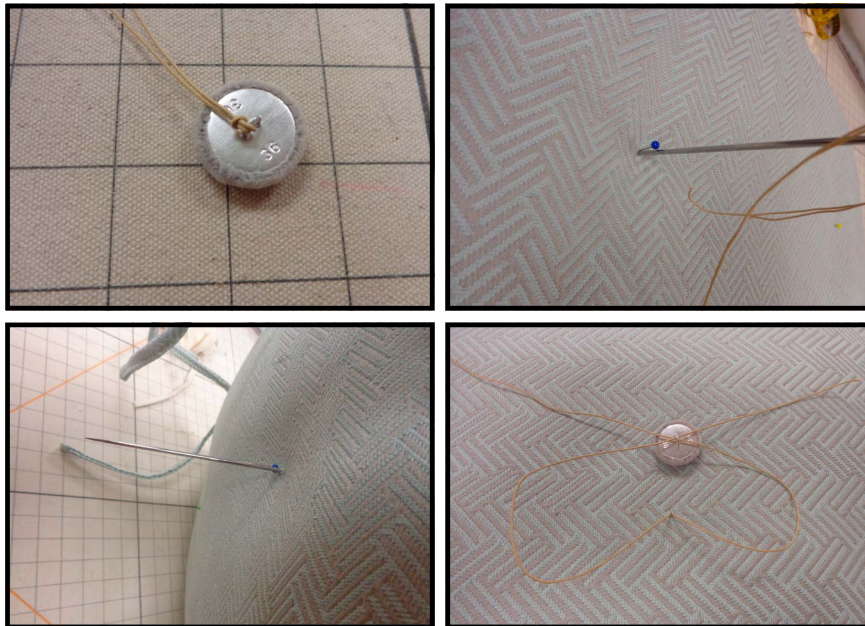


Finishing the Back Cushion:

- 1** Place right sides together and tuck in ties.
- 2** Sew along sides, top and a few inches in on each bottom edge to join the front to the back.
- 3** Turn right sides out.
- 4** Stuff with original filler and a loose layer of batting.
- 5** Hand close the bottom.



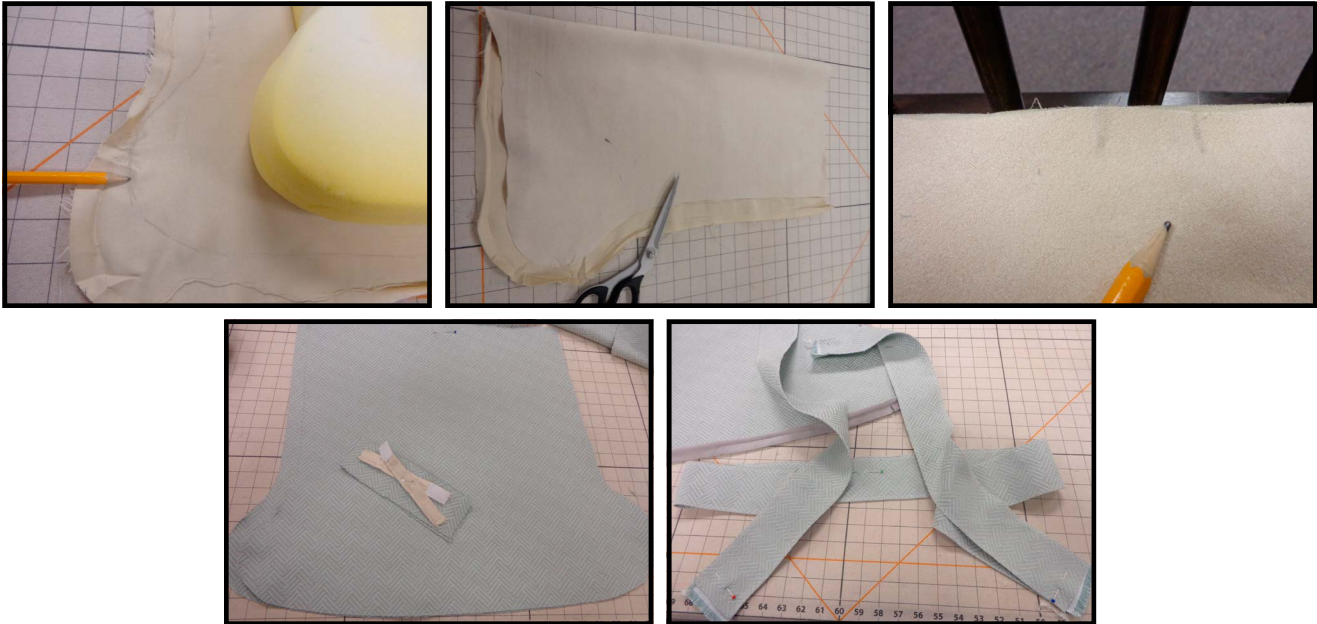
- 6 Load each button on a double strand of 0.8 mm Poly cord. Tie the cord to the button.
- 7 Load the prepared button into a mattress needle.
- 8 Push button through from front to back, hitting the marks.
- 9 Pull button down to desired depth and tie off.
- 10 Clip off any excess cord.



Glider Rocker Seat Cushion:

Preparing the Pieces:

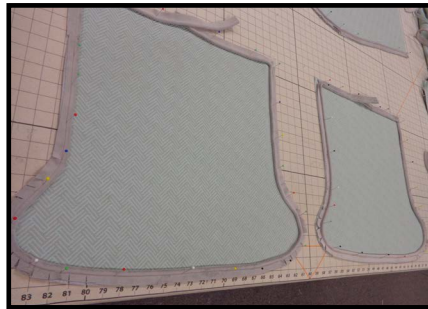
- 1 Cut away the old cover.
- 2 Lay the original foam on the pattern and trace around foam, making sure pattern is symmetrical.
- 3 Mark pattern for tie placement.
- 4 From the pattern, cut the top and bottom fabric pieces, plus seam allowances.
- 5 Cut the boxing pieces.
- 6 Cut the two tie pieces.



- 7 Cut and make enough welt cord to go around the cushion top and bottom.

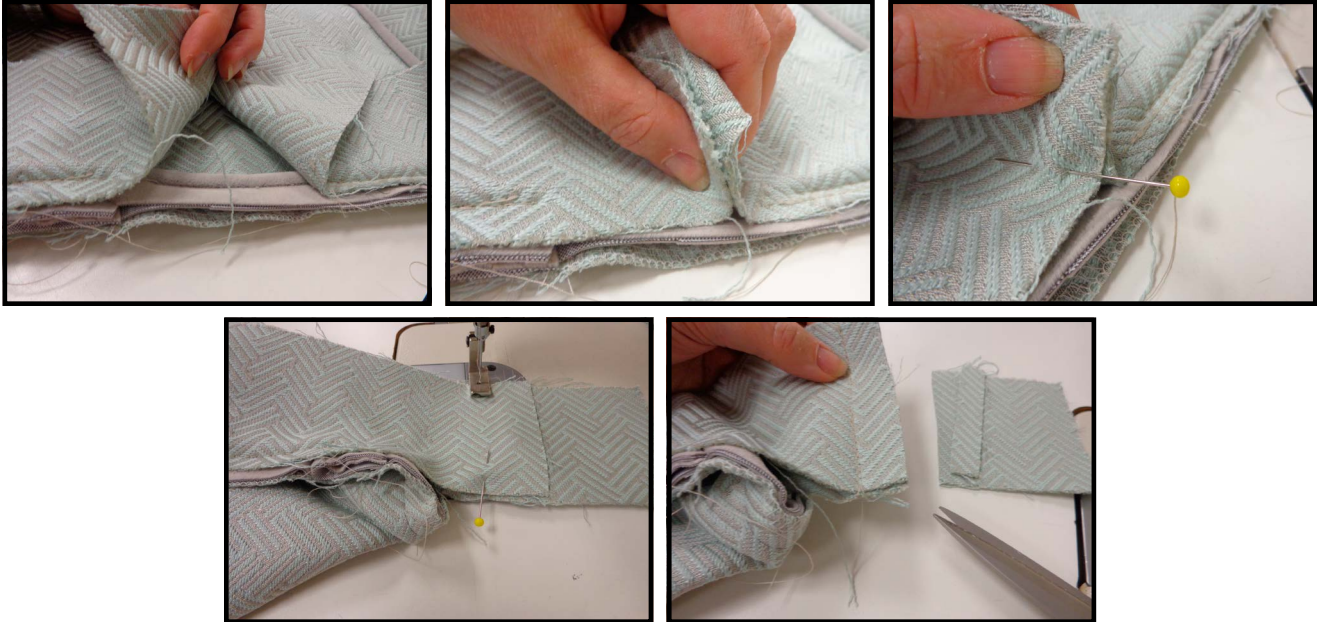
Completing the Seat:

- 1 Glue-baste then sew welt to seat cushion top and bottom, making the joins at the machine.



- 2 Sew boxing to cushion top, making the join at the back.

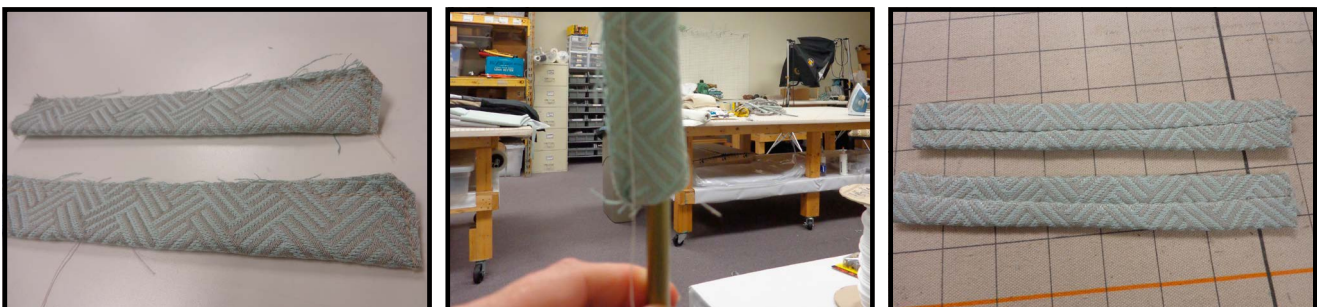




- 3** Find and mark corners.
- 4** Pin and sew bottom to boxing, leaving an area open for turning.



- 5** Turn right sides out.
- 6** Make the ties by folding right sides together and sewing along the top and long side.
- 7** Turn right sides out and clip off the top seam.
- 8** Refold so the seam falls to the center back.
- 9** Sew on loop to one end and hook to the other end so it forms a circle. Sew ties to boxing at the marks.





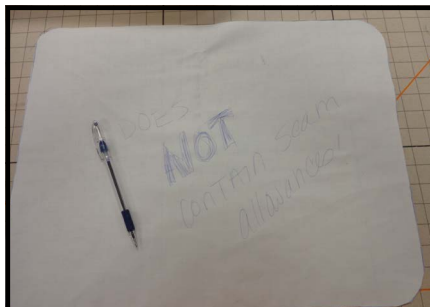
Wrapping the Foam and Completing the Seat Cushion:

- 1 Wrap the original foam in batting and whip-stitch closed.
- 2 Stuff covered foam into seat cushion cover and hand close opening.

Glider Footstool:

Preparing the Pieces:

- 1 Remove top from frame.
- 2 From the wood frame, make a pattern for the fabric, adding seam allowances.
- 3 Trace around the wood base onto foam for the foam cut.
- 4 Cut out foam.



- 5 Cut a piece of batting large enough to cover the foam top and sides plus a bit.
- 6 Spray-glue the foam to the base and the batting to the foam.
- 7 Cut footstool top and boxing strips.



- 8 Cut and make enough welt cord to go around the footstool top, plus joins.

Finishing the Footstool:

- 1 Glue-baste and then sew welt to top piece, making the join at the machine.
- 2 Sew boxing to top, making the join at the back.



- 3 Place the batting-covered foam into the fabric shell and flip over so the fabric is on the table.
- 4 Measure for the desired depth and staple, stapling in the center of the four sides first to hold tension and pattern.
- 5 Continue to staple, stapling corners last.
- 6 Trim away any excess fabric and make sure the mount holes are open.
- 7 Staple on a layer of Cambric.

8 Remount stool to frame.



Decorative Lumbar Pillow:

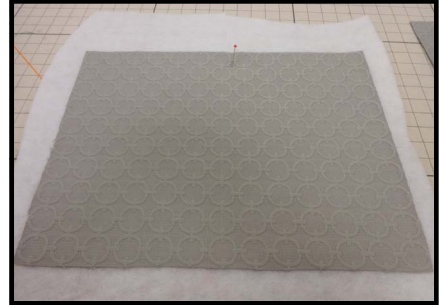
Preparing the Pieces:

- 1** Cut the front and back pieces to size, plus seam allowances.
- 2** Cut a strip of coordinating fabric 5" wide x the height of the pillow.
- 3** Cut and make enough welt cord to go around the pillow.
- 4** Cut and make enough micro-welt cord to run along both sides of the band.



- 5** Sew micro-welt to each side of the band.
- 6** Cut a piece of Iron-On batting so it fits inside of the seams of the band. Iron it to the back of the band.

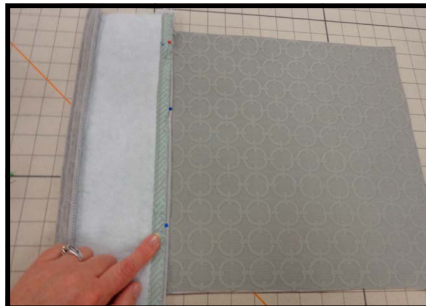
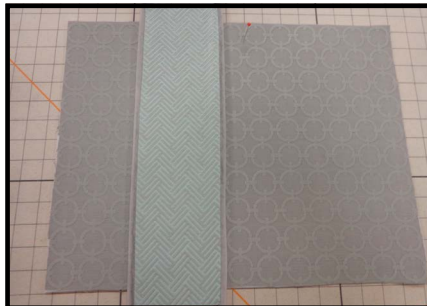
- 7** Iron a layer of Iron-On Batting to the front and back pieces.



- 8** Sew welt cord around front piece, making the join on the bottom.

Finishing the Pillow:

- 1** Place the band about $\frac{1}{5}$ of the way in from one side.
- 2** Flip it open and sew one side of the banding in place.
- 3** On the other side, stitch-in-the-ditch to secure.



- 4** Place right sides together and sew around pillow, leaving an opening for turning.

5 Turn right sides out and stuff.

6 Hand close.

