

Transform an old chair

If you've got an old upholstered dining chair, you can revive it instantly with some new fabric and a powerful stapler. Here's how:

- 1 Remove the old fabric from the seat, while leaving the padding in place.
- 2 Cut new fabric to size allowing an extra 5cm on all sides.
- 3 Fix the fabric to the underside of the padded base with staples. Keep the fabric evenly stretched by stapling in the centre of each opposite side, then move along towards the corners. Use small staples so the fabric doesn't tear.

- 4 Make neat folds at the corners. Cut away excess and cover staples and raw fabric edges with braid.

18V nailer/stapler, £79.99, Ryobi



Give a chair a new lease of life with simple reupholstery

SOURCEBOOK

THE BEST SHUTTERS

Dress your windows in style

- Try **Shutterly Fabulous** (0845 017 8988; shutterlyfabulous.com) for a wide selection of wooden shutters in many colours.
- For shutters in a range of quality woods and finished in any colour, take a look at the collection at **Hillarys** (0800 916 1057; hillarys.co.uk).
- **Thomas Sanderson** (0800 056 2929; thomas-sanderson.co.uk) provides handmade shutters in 50 painted and stained finishes. Expect to pay about £250 a square metre, including fitting.

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Deco notebook

Ideas and advice to make your DIY tasks a success



Sunway's blinds come in over 100 colours and four slat widths

CLEVER BLINDS

Sunway's new made-to-measure metal Venetian blinds are fitted with a child safety lock and can be matched with a range of tapes. Priced from £45 for W60cm x L60cm.

The easy way to... wallpaper

Paste-the-wall papers are the easiest to hang. Decide where the design of the first drop should start and leave 10cm extra at the top. Paste the wall, stick the paper in place then lower the roll to the floor, ensuring it's straight. Smooth with a brush, then score and cut top and bottom edges. Match the pattern of the next length to the one on the wall and repeat to the end of the wall.



Meadowsweet Dulux feature wallpaper, £23.99 a roll, Homebase



TRY THIS Repair chips to appliances by applying two or three coats of Rust-Oleum Appliance Enamel, £6.49 for a 400ml can

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Hard wood shutters made by Shutterly Fabulous

tip Stick photos, pictures and postcards to a wall or mirror without leaving marks by using glue dots. Sticki Dots by Bostik, £1.19 for a pack of 64, are removable. Buy the extra-strength version for heavier items.