

Outdoor Bench & Chair Cushions with Center Tufting

Bring the comfort of the indoors to outdoor spaces with custom bench and chair cushions. Follow along for instructions on these upholstery pieces, with center tufting technique.

Materials & Supplies

Rowley Products

Polyester Batting, 60"	PF82
A&E Outdoor Thread	T06K/
Mattress Needle	TP81
Upholstery Marking Chalk	WW12
Flexi Tape Measure	DT16
Basting/Tacking Gun	ST26
Basting/Tacking Fasteners $\frac{3}{16}$ "	ST29
Sewing/Ironing Stiletto	WW80
Magnetic Scissor & Pin Spot	WW43
Iron-On Bonding Tape with Silicone Release Paper, $\frac{3}{8}$ " width	FT37
Sew-On Hook & Loop Tape	SEW-ON



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The bench and chair cushions are made with the same method with these few differences:

- The chair cushions have a center tack point rather than multiple as the bench cushion shows.
- The bench cushion has one strap with hook and loop to hold the cushions on the bench.
- The chair cushions have ties sewn on the back of the cushions.

There were no zippers in these cushions due to the hand tacking all the way through the cushions.

For these cushions, the inserts were made larger than the finished cushion size due to the fact it would be tacked.

- 1 Make an insert out of the multiple layers of polyester batting. For the final layer, wrap one piece of polyester batting around the other layers and hand stitch to enclose the layers.



- 2 For a finished cushion of 54" x 16", cut fabric large enough to go side-to-side and enough to wrap around the cushion from front to back with a 1" Seam Allowance (SA). Serge around all four sides of the cushion fabric.



- 3 For the bench cushion, make 2" bands to attach the cushion to the bench. Cut the bands at 5" and long enough to wrap under the bench and overlap a few inches. To help keep the cushion in place, the bands will be held under the bench with hook and loop tape. Fold wrong sides together, matching long edges and sew. Turn right side out. On one end of the bands, sew the hook and loop tape.



- 4 Before sewing the cushion, mark the placement of the final tacking of the cushion with contrasting thread.



- 5 Sew the cushion around from the front, sewing the sides and the back. Leave a hold for turning and inserting the cushion insert. Be sure to enclose the fabric bands in the center of the cushions sides as you sew.



- 6 For the boxed corners, center the seam over the edges and sew over the corners.



- 7 Hand stitch the cushion closed along the back edge.



- 8 Tack the cushion using a mattress needle and several strands of outdoor thread through the tack points previously made in the cushion top and bottom.



- 9 After removing the contrasting threads, tie off each tack point using a square knot. Clip threads.



- 10 Continue tacking the cushion as you work side-to-side and front-to-back.



- 11 For the chair cushions, make ties for the back corners of the cushions. Cut the fabric 3" wide and long enough to tie around your chair. Fold in half lengthwise and stitch close to the edge. Sew these in the seams as you sew the cushion together. If necessary, cover the cushion insert with plastic to help put it into the cushion.



- 12 Close the back of the cushion.



13 Tack the center point of the chair cushion to complete.

