

Stretching New Webbing

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1. Unroll the webbing and position it over the center strip of the old webbing, overlapping the back seat rail by 1 inch.
2. With your magnetic hammer, drive the tack through the end of the webbing into the back rail.
3. Drive four more tacks through the webbing in a staggered fashion – staggering provides extra strength. **(Figure 1.)**

Hint: If the folded edge of the old webbing falls slightly in from the rail edge, drive some tacks into the narrow strip of wood beyond the webbing.

4. Holding your webbing stretcher against the front rail at a 45-degree angle (see **Figure 2**), pull the webbing strip over its teeth. Then push down on the stretcher handle until it is in a horizontal position (90-degree angle).
5. With your free hand, pick up a tack with the magnetic end of the hammer. Hold the hammer about 6 inches above the webbing and with a sharp blow, drive the tack down through the center of the webbing and partly into the rail. Then finish driving the tack into the wood with the non-magnetic end. **(Figure 3.)**
6. Tack both edges in this way, then stagger two more tacks in between. Now remove your stretcher and trim the webbing, leaving a 1-inch overhang.
7. Continue this process as you fasten more webbing strips across the underside. Then, starting with the middle strip, weave in the strips from side to side, as you stretch and fasten them to the rails.
8. Finally, fold back each overhanging 1-inch end and fasten with five more tacks.

Note: If you've decided to restretch the existing webbing, follow these instructions using a webbing plier to stretch the webbing. This tool is designed with a hammer jaw for leverage where a strong pull is required.

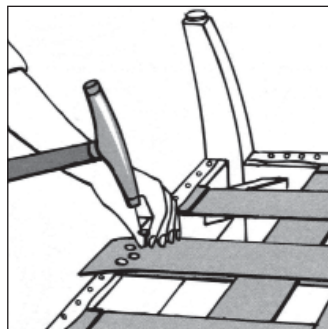


Figure 1: Placing the first strip.

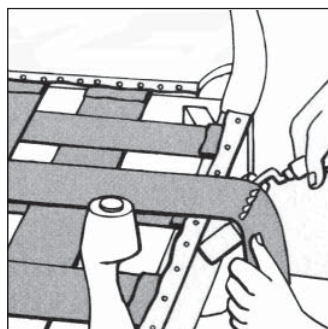


Figure 2: 45° angle to rail.

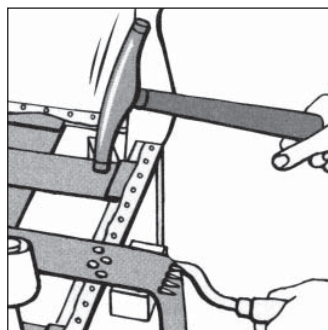


Figure 3: 90° angle to rail.