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Weave a bit of magic!

Upcycle an old bench with webbing and paint.

You will need

SHOPPING LIST

- old wooden bench or coffee table frame
- 50m webbing in 2 colours
- Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in Scandinavian Pink
- sealant such as Annie Sloan Wax, Woodoc Antique Wax or Sabre Paints Stoneseal

TOOLS

- sandpaper
- paintbrush
- scissors
- lighter
- staple gun

Get started...







1 There's no need to sand if you're using chalk paint – unless the existing finish is high-gloss, in which case a light sanding is necessary. Make sure the wooden frame is clean and dust-free. **2** Paint the frame on all sides with two coats of Scandinavian Pink, letting it dry between layers. **3** Seal the chalk paint if you are using Annie Sloan Chalk Paint. Tihoko Paint has a built-in sealant.







4 Measure the length of the webbing across the length and width of the frame. Fold it over all the way to the inside of the frame and double it up at the ends for extra strength. Once you have the correct lengths, cut more of each. We used 23 across the width and

nine across the length of the bench (this will vary according to the size of your frame).

5 Once you've cut all the webbing, singe the ends with the flame of a lighter.







6 Start with the short pieces of webbing on the inside of the long edges of the frame. Fold the ends over and staple in place.7 Pull the straps very tightly across the width of the frame and fold them over on the inside. Fold the ends double and staple in place.

Repeat with all the straps. **8** Attach the longer straps in the same way you did the shorter ones in step 6 on the short sides of the frame. Weave them through the shorter straps, pull them very tight, fold the ends double and staple in place.

