

SUGGESTIONS FOR FINISHING YOUR REPLACEMENT CANE SEAT OR BACK

Remove the old seat or back and take it with you when you go to buy your wood stain and polyurethane materials. Lowe's, Home Depot, even Wal-Mart are good places to purchase your supplies.

If your rocker has a Natural Oak finish all you may need to do is apply a polyurethane topcoat to seal the cane. If your rocker is older and has darkened some you may want to apply a light stain first. Polyurethane interior protective topcoats are available in matte, semi-gloss, or gloss, in wipe-on types, water or oil-based.

If your rocker has a Village Oak, or Dark Harvest Oak finish you will probably want to buy some type of wood stain like Minwax (<http://www.minwax.com>), or Cabot (<http://www.cabotstain.com>). Both of these brands have helpful information on their websites.

Begin by applying a small amount of your stain to the bottom of the new seat or an inconspicuous part of the back to test the color. You may want to wipe some excess off with a lint free rag so it doesn't soak in too much or stain darker than you like. After this test area dries you will be able to tell how much color has soaked in and decide whether this is the color you want.

After the stain dries finish by applying a topcoat to seal your cane.