

DO NOT FINISH THE SEAT UNTIL YOU MAKE SURE IT FITS. NO RETURNS ON STAINED SEATS.

95% of the seats will fit a genuine Kennedy rocker but at some point in the past the upright post diameter was changed to 2.25" for a couple years, and then back again to 2", by the original manufacturer, P & P Chair Company. This means that the seat corners may be too small for those rockers and the seat may not fit without modification. If this seat does not fit your rocker and you do not want to attempt any modifications, you may return it for a full refund. But we cannot accept any seats back that you have already stained so please make sure it fits before you stain it.

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. Some products are a stain and top coat all in one.

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.

MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDED CARE OF CANE ROCKERS

Cane is a natural fiber that will last for years with proper care. To keep your seat and back from becoming brittle we recommend a light misting monthly and more especially if your rocker is kept near a heating vent.

Should you find a loose or broken piece, use a small amount of wood glue to repair. Pressure will need to be applied with a heavy object or clamp to help the cane lay flat.