

## Sew What! Custom Home Décor & Slipcovers

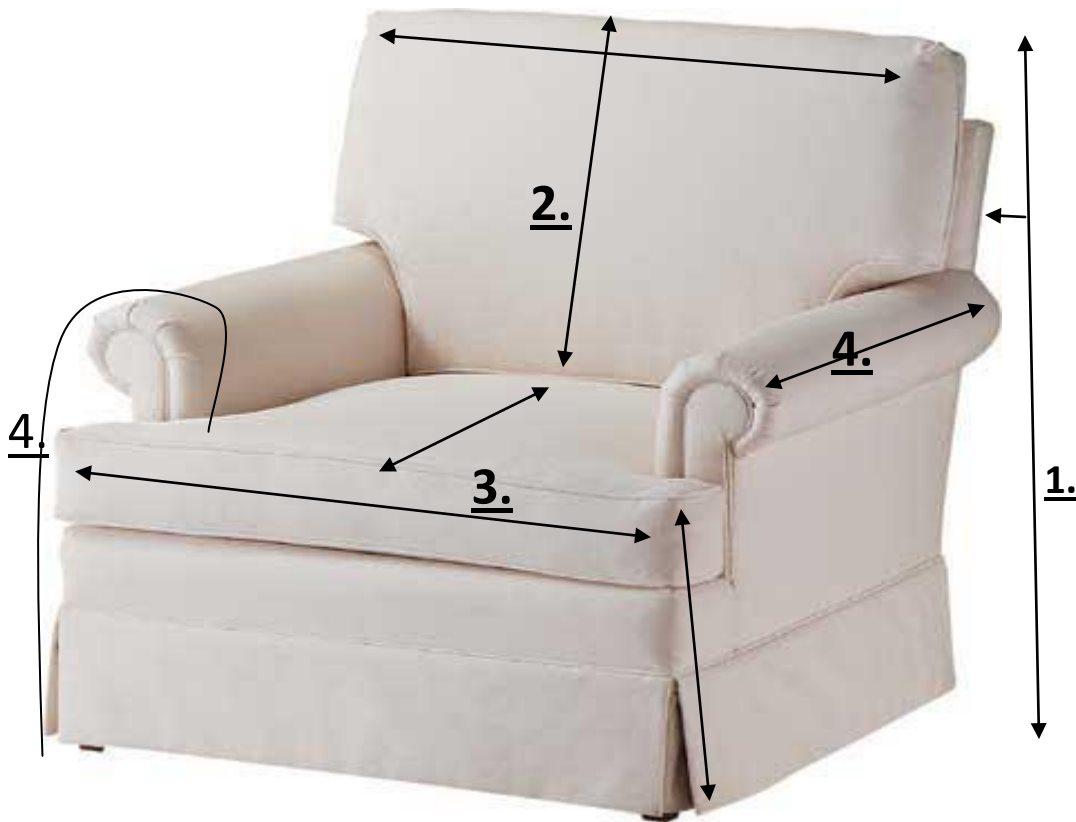
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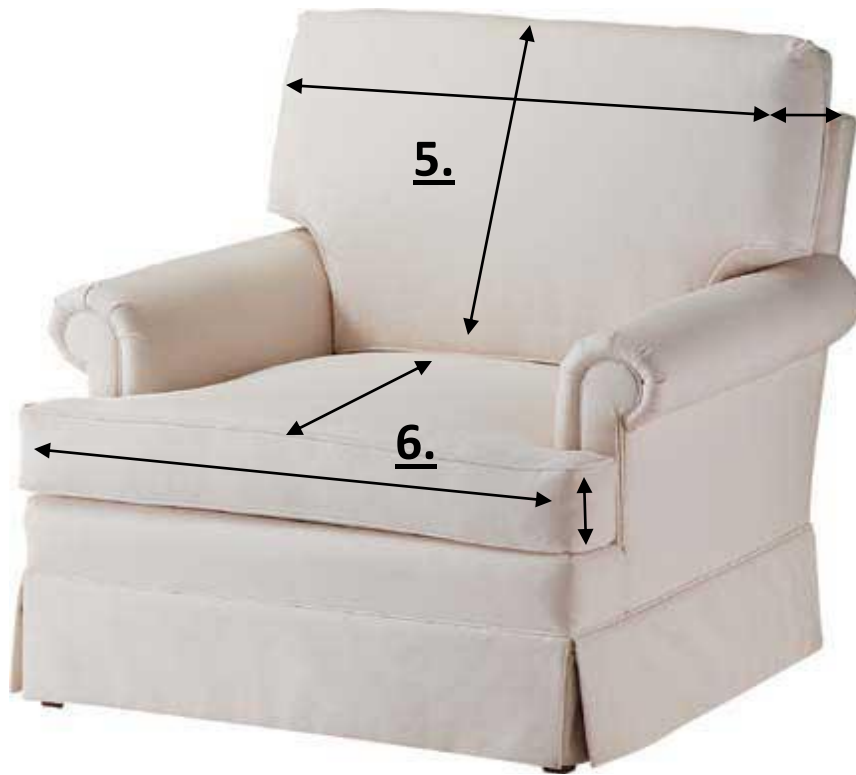
### Estimating Fabric for Slipcovers

Making a slipcover for a piece of furniture takes more yardage than upholstery. If you should use an upholstery chart for estimating yardage, you will most likely be short of yardage. Realize that a slipcover is supposed to slip over the piece of furniture, hanging snugly, but the fabric is not stretched or pulled tautly as in upholstery. It is how the slipcover is cut, and sewn together working with the grain of the fabric, and gravity that will give the custom slipcover an upholstered look.

Use a cloth measuring tape for actual measurements of the piece of furniture to be slip covered. A cloth tape will give a more exact measurement in determining yardage needed to make a custom slipcover. Add 2 inches to each measurement for matching fabrics and seam allowances. Add 3" for each tuck in area.



1. Outside Back - Measure top to floor \_\_\_\_\_ side to side \_\_\_\_\_
2. Inside Back - top to deck \_\_\_\_\_ (add for tuck in) side to side \_\_\_\_\_
3. Back to front \_\_\_\_\_ side to side widest part \_\_\_\_\_ (add for tuck in) deck to floor \_\_\_\_\_
4. Arms back to front \_\_\_\_\_ (length of arm) deck up to top \_\_\_\_\_ (add for tuck in) top to floor \_\_\_\_\_
5. Back cushion - side to slide \_\_\_\_\_ top to bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cushion thickness(boxing) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Seat cushion - side to side \_\_\_\_\_ (largest part) back to front \_\_\_\_\_ cushion thickness \_\_\_\_\_



7. Type of skirt will determine amount of yardage needed. Self-lined skirts are best, for this chair. Allow another length for the skirt on all 4 sides to self line.
8. Self welt cord: allow ½ yard of fabric for the cording, which will make 18 yards of 5/32 welt cord.
9. Add all the measurements together, including extra for the pattern repeats, matching and welt cord. Average chair as in photo usually takes 8-10 yards of fabric with no pattern matching.