

# INSTALLING FABRIC SLINGS

## TOOLS:

24" REVERSE CLAMP SPREADERS  
DRILL WITH THE APPROPRIATE BITS FOR YOUR CHAIR  
UTILITY KNIFE  
TACK CLAW OR SCREWDRIVER  
WHITE GREASE  
SPRAY BOTTLE OF WATER WITH A BIT OF DETERGENT  
WORK GLOVES  
NYLON MALLET  
SIDE CUTTERS



## STRIP FURNITURE:

- Using a tack claw or screwdriver, carefully pry out the end caps of the two sling rails of the chair to avoid breakage; set aside
- Take a utility knife and cut the sling fabric down the middle
- Spray down the channel rails with water and wiggle the fabric back and forth to loosen. Years of dirt make them stick!
- Wearing gloves, use both hands in a push-pull motion to slide the fabric out of the rails. Try to keep the fabric straight so it doesn't bunch up in the rail
- Once fabric is removed, clean and wipe down the chair rails

## INSTALLATION:

- Slide the fabric & spline into one of the rail channels, again using a push-pull motion, keeping the fabric straight in the rail as it goes down to avoid bunching
- Adjust the sling so it is flush at the top and bottom in the rail and pull out any wrinkles
- Using the side cutters, snip off the excess spline and hammer the caps back into place
- Flip the chair on its side to remove screws or bolts on the channel you just installed.  
\*\* it is always easier to put fabric in the rail when it's still attached to the chair
- Holding the rail you just removed with the fabric installed, slide the fabric & spline into the other rail channel, again using a push-pull motion; clip the excess spline and put the caps on the end
- Put the chair on its side so the loose rail is hanging down; use one of the reverse spreaders to stabilize one end of the rail by squeezing the rail closer to the frame just enough to get some tension.
- Then use the other spreader on the opposite end to spread the rail as close to the frame of the chair as possible.
- Dip or spray the bolts with a little white grease and insert them into the rail holes. Slowly screw the bolt back into the chair and release the spreader. Squeeze the other spreader to get the rail closer to the chair frame and screw in the last bolt, then release.

\*\*Please note: every chair is different. These instructions are generalized and may not apply to all.