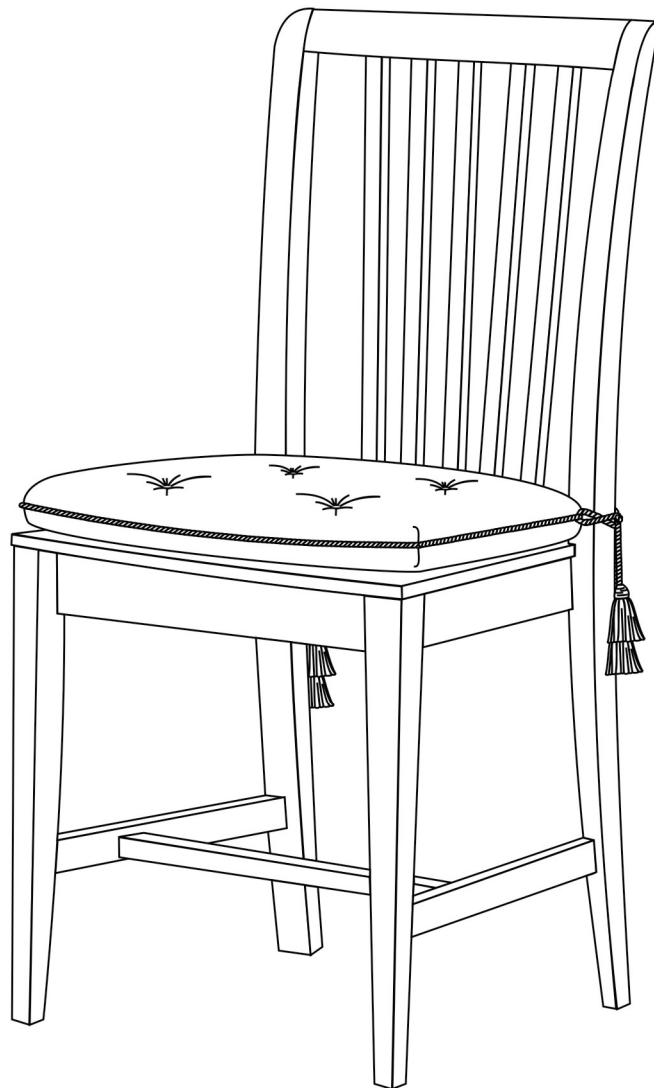
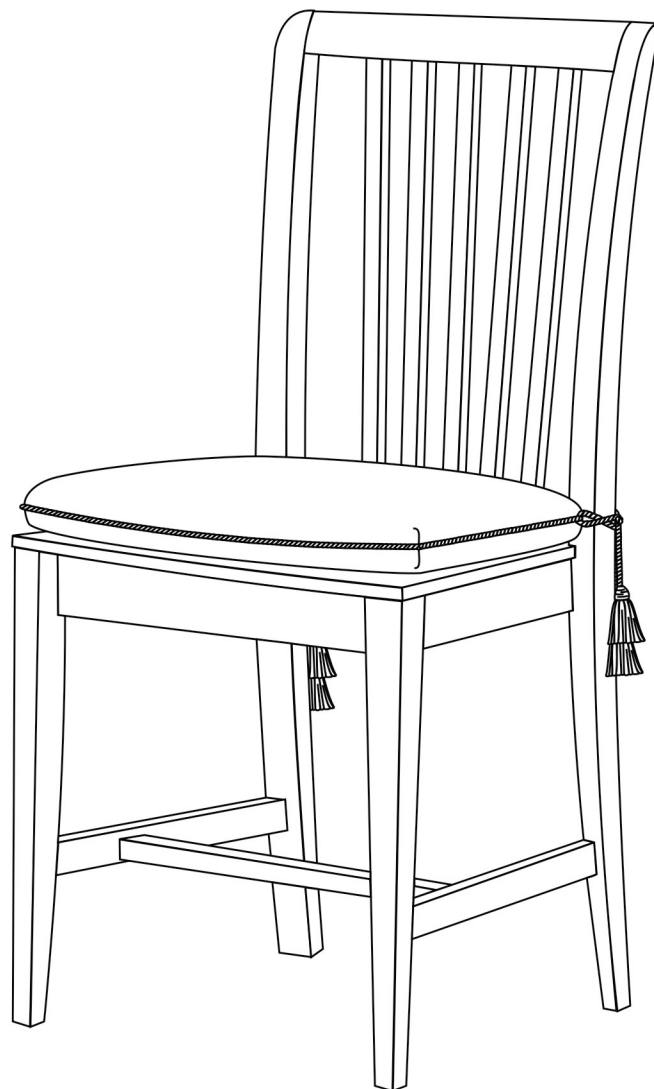


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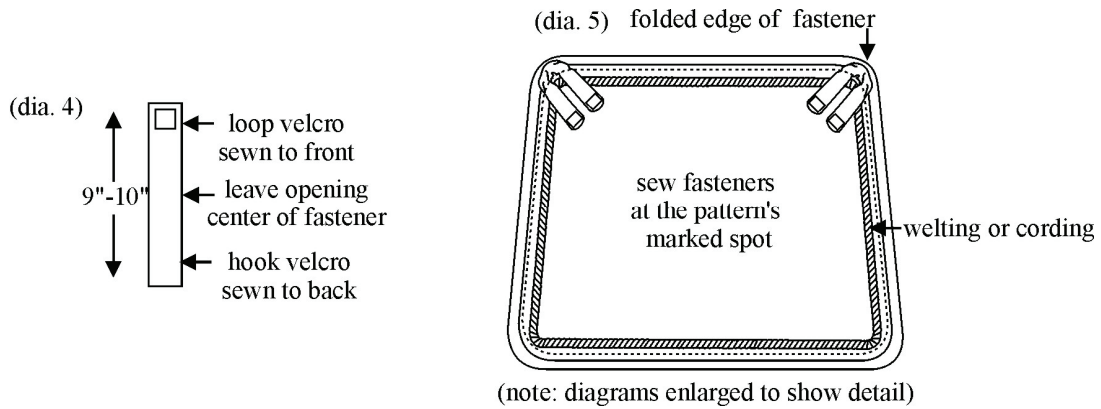
✓ This is a softer more relaxed looking cushion with fabric ties or chair tie tassels.

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2.	<p>Pattern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make pattern for chair bottom by tracing around seat of chair on brown kraft paper. Use chalk to make pattern; chalk is easier than using a pencil. (<i>see How To's – Templates for arch windows, chair cushions & window seats</i>) 2. Cut out pattern > fold in half > decide which half fits best > label it "Good Half". Do this at client's home. 3. Mark on pattern: client's name, date, number of chairs, type of fill, tie placement, type of ties & piping. (<i>see dia. 1</i>) 4. Use "Good Half" of pattern to make final paper pattern from brown paper. 5. Use a clear 6" rule to go around brown paper pattern making dashes for outline of new pattern on clear plastic. (<i>see dia. 1</i>) 6. Note: Using clear plastic makes centering design on fabric easier. (<i>purchase heavy weight clear plastic from local home improvement store</i>) 7. Cushion w/ tufting: Add 1 1/4" around entire pattern when marking clear plastic template. 8. Cushion w/o tufting: Add 3/4" around entire pattern when marking clear plastic template. 9. Cut a separate pattern from clear plastic for each different size seat. <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>(dia. 1)</p> </div>								
3.	<p>Face fabric cuts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place plastic pattern on top of face fabric & center design, if applicable. 2. Cut out cushion tops & bottoms. 3. With right sides of top & bottom cushion together, notch top, bottom & side centers. Notching cushion keeps cushions matched exactly when sewing back to front. (<i>see Quick Tips – Sewing/Notches</i>) 4. Fabric ties: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cut 2 @ 2" x 27" (<i>or preference</i>) for each cushion. b. Note: Only one tie is used for each side, tie is folded in half & sewn in seam. (<i>see step 8.3</i>) 5. Fabric fasteners with Velcro: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cut 2 @ 2" x 10" - 12" or enough to wrap around back spindle of chair & overlap 1 1/2". b. Note: Only one fastener is used for each side, fastener is folded in half & sewn in seam. (<i>see step 8.6</i>) 6. Velcro fasteners are used to secure a cushion & give a more tailored look. 								

4.	<p>Lining cuts:</p> <p>Cut front & back linings same as face fabric cuts.</p>
5.	<p>Batting cuts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut a layer of batting for fronts & backs same size as face fabric cuts. 2. Use a very thin batting; not as thick as cornice batting. 3. Using a layer of batting gives a softer look to feather down insert or shredded chipped foam.
6.	<p>Fabrication:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lay face fabric wrong side up > lay batting on top of face fabric > lay lining right side up on top of batting. 2. Pin sew serge together. 3. Sew piping cording to top of cushion. (<i>see How To's – Piping/covering or see How To's – Rope cord w/ lip/joining</i>)
7.	<p>Option 1 – Chair tie tassels:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fold chair tie tassel in half > sew tassel at marked spot for ties. Tassels will lay toward center of cushion. 2. Attaching chair tie tassel by stitching back & forth twice. 3. Tip: Do not stitch too many times over chair ties; needle will cut threads on chair tie & weaken threads.
8.	<p>Option 2 – Fabric ties:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fold strips in half & sew down length & across ends, leaving an opening in center of tie to turn. (<i>see dia. 2</i>) Ties will be finished at 1" W x 26" L. 2. Turn ties > press. 3. Fold tie in half lengthwise > sew tie at marked spot for ties. Opening for tie will be hidden in cushion seam allowance. (<i>see dia. 3</i>) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>(dia. 2)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>(dia. 3)</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">(note: diagrams enlarged to show detail)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Fold strips in half > sew down length & across ends. Leave an opening in center of strip to turn. Fastener will be finished 1" W x 9" - 10" L. 5. Turn fasteners > press.

Option 2 – Fabric ties (continued):

6. Sew a $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of Velcro on each end of fastener.
 - a. Sew loop piece of Velcro on top of fastener > hook piece on back of fastener. (see dia. 4)
 - b. **Note:** Iron-on Bonding or iron-on Velcro can also be used.
7. Fold strip in half lengthwise > sew fastener at marked spot for ties. Opening for fastener will be hidden in cushion seam allowance. (see dia. 5)



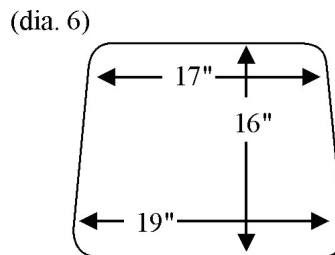
9. **Fabrication:**
 1. After fastener has been added, with right sides of top & bottom cushion together, line up notches > pin > sew around cushion leaving an opening in back to turn cushion.
 2. Turn cushion.

10. **Insert:**

There are several inserts types for chair cushions.

Feather/down blend insert:

 1. 90/10 feather/down or 75/25 feather/down are good blends for chair cushions. 75/25 is more expensive; higher feather content results in a firmer cushion.
 2. If chair measures 17" in back & 19" in front & 16" front to back, order a 20" square pillow. Cushion will absorb extra. (see dia. 6)
 3. Order insert with $\frac{1}{3}$ less fill. Sometimes it is still necessary to remove some of fill if cushion looks too plump.
 4. Cushion will be puffy at first, but will lose some loft after continuous use.
 5. **Note:** The benefit of using feather/down blend inserts is that they can always be plumped up.



Insert (*continued*):

Solid 1" foam or preference:

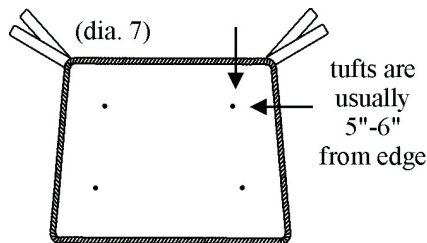
1. Cut foam 1" larger than paper pattern size. (*purchase foam from an upholstery supplier – see Sources/Upholstery suppliers*)
2. Foam has a slightly more rigid look.

Shredded/chipped foam:

1. When using tassels, cover tassels with paper & secure paper with masking tape to middle of cushion. (*This keeps foam away from tassels.*)
2. Stuff cushion with shredded foam. (*see Sources – Upholstery suppliers*)
3. For tufting, see instructions below. Tuft before stuffing with foam.

Tufting a cushion:

1. Tufting should be done before stuffing cushion.
2. A regular chair cushion has approx. 4 tufts. Tufting can be done with a tacking machine or a zigzag machine.
3. Tufts are usually 5" - 6" in from each edge.
4. When back of cushion tapers in, tufts will follow that line. (*see dia. 7*)



6. Insert a small piece of interfacing inside cushion at each mark. Interfacing helps to reinforce tufting.
7. Zigzag or tack each mark. Zigzag stitch should be approx. 1/4" wide. When tack or zigzag is much smaller it will tear out after it has been stuffed.
8. Stuff cushion with foam. Do not overstuff, cushion should be firm, not hard.

All inserts or fills with button tufting:

1. Covered buttons can be used for tufting on any type of insert or fill.
2. Mark tufts on top & bottom of cushion.
3. Use covered buttons & tufting twine. (*see How To's – Upholstery knot*)
4. Underside bottom buttons can be left off for more comfort in seating; use a regular button without a shank for bottom side.

Tips:

1. Hand sewing opening on a cushion or pillow is much easier with a 2" or 3" round point curved needle. (*curved needles available from Rowley Co. – see Sources/Sewing supplies*)
2. Give client cushion pattern to store in the event client needs additional cushion(s).