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Rustic Porch Swing: Weaving the Seat

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Once the frame has been constructed, it's time to begin weaving the seat of the porch swing.

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Materials:

Cane strips

Large container of water

Upholstery tacks

Stapler and staples

1. Soak the cane to make it pliable (**figure A**).
2. Tack two strands of cane the middle of the center seat rail (**figure B**).
3. Wrap the two strands twice around each side rail and pull the length of cane toward the opposite rail (**figure C**).
4. At the end of each length, simply staple new cane to the old pair (**figure D**). Continue wrapping from side to side, twice around each post (**figure E**), until entire seat is covered horizontally.
5. Next, begin cross-weaving. Pass over the first pair of cane strips and under the second pair, and continue alternating to the bottom (**figure F**).
6. Bring cane back to top and switch weaving pattern. Go under the first pair, over the second pair and so forth (**figure G**).
7. When a few rows have been woven, pull vertical rows tightly



Used for the swing's seat, cane is durable and attractive and comes in many varieties.



Once the water evaporates from the cane, it shrinks to create a tightly woven seat.



Figure A

together (**figure H**). Continue weaving -- and alternating the rows -- until the entire seat has been woven.

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Figure B



Figure C



Figure D



Figure E



Figure F

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Figure G



Figure H