

# My Favorite Upholstery Tools



# The Staple Gun

Don't waste your time with a hand-held stapler or an electric stapler for upholstery projects. Your hands will ache and the staples will not go all the way in. Your best investment is to get a pneumatic stapler. Don't buy the cheapest one or the most expensive, but rather get one that is middle of the road. My favorite one is the PORTER-CABLE Upholstery Stapler, C-Crown, 1/4-Inch to 5/8-Inch, 22GA (US58) for around \$100. Another option is the Woodpecker - N7116 Full Metal Power Upholstery Stapler- 22 Gauge 71 Series for around \$75.



Don't forget the staples! I recommend the 3/8-Inch Crown x 22 Gauge Galvanized Fine Wire Staples.

You will need an air compressor for the pneumatic stapler. Any compressor will do, but I'm a fan of the California Air Tools 10020C Ultra Quiet Air Compressor.



Quiet air compressors are not really quiet, but they are not as loud as regular compressors.

# The Air Compressor

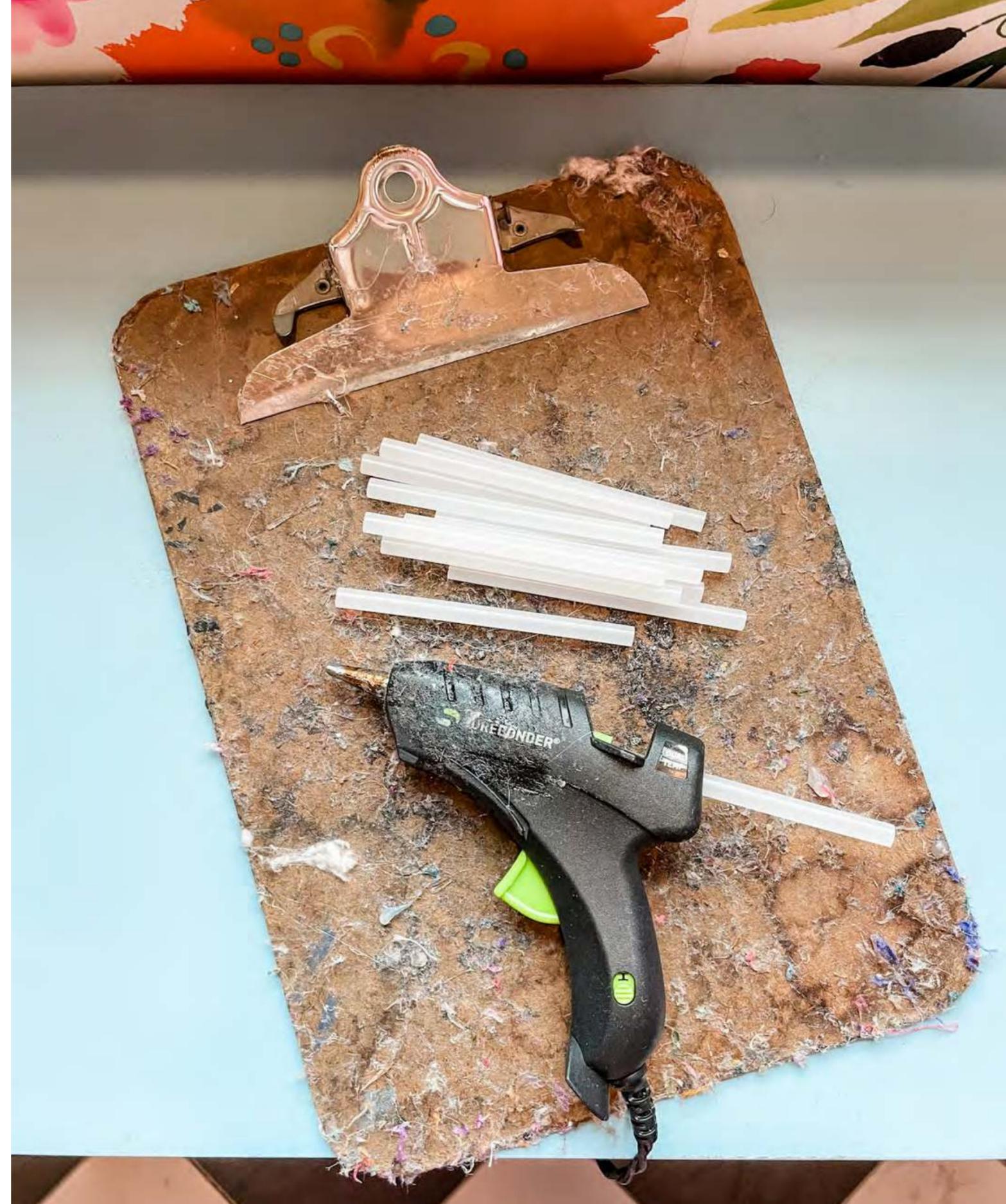
# Stripping Tools

The other tools you need don't cost very much. You need a rubber mallet, CS Osborne staple lifter, and needle nose pliers. These tools will help you remove the staples and tacks from your chairs as you strip them.



# Hot Glue Gun

I personally like a small hot glue gun. No need to spend a lot of money here! A smaller glue gun helps me to not over-glue as I apply the double welt cord. It's easier to store and works great with the mini glue sticks. I also use an old clipboard where glue can spill with no problems.



# Metal

# Regulator



My favorite tool is my metal regulator. It doesn't matter what size, this tool helps tuck in fabric threads as I apply double welt cord trim and wipe away excess glue.



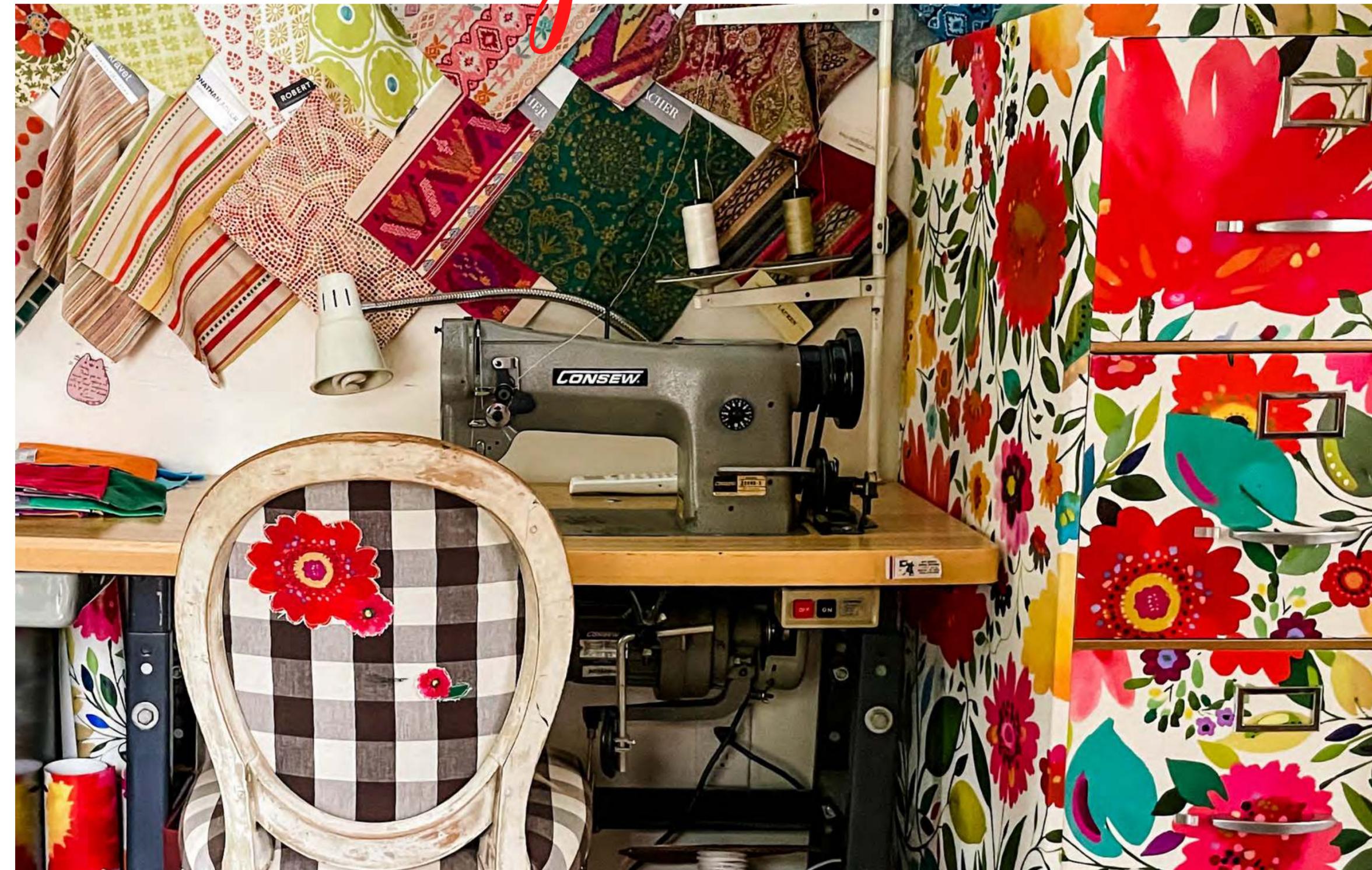
# Scissors

Any scissors will do, but my personal favorite is Kai 7250 10 Inch Professional Shears. Kai makes several different sizes and any of them would be a great investment if you want super sharp scissors.



# Sewing Machine

You don't necessarily need to know how to sew for upholstery. I use my industrial Consew machine for sewing double welt cord. It's possible to get a double welt foot for a regular machine, too. But there are other trims you can apply that don't involve sewing at all.



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