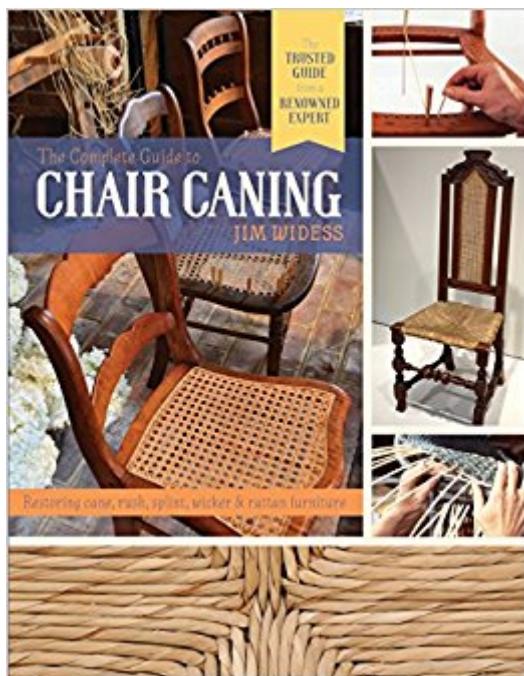


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# The Complete Guide To Chair Caning: Restoring Cane, Rush, Splint, Wicker & Rattan Furniture



## Synopsis

No longer will repairing your antique cane and wicker furniture be intimidating, frustrating or overwhelming! This instructive book from Jim Widess--caning expert and author of the bestselling *The Caner's Handbook*--will quickly and effectively teach you how to repair cane, wicker, splint, rush, and rattan furniture as reliably and authentically as the pros. With step by step instructions, fantastic color photographs, and five incredibly detailed seat weaving projects, *The Complete Guide to Chair Caning* will teach you everything you need to know about fixing virtually any piece of woven furniture. In addition to exploring the details of hand-caning, rush weaving, splint weaving, wicker weaving, and rattan wraps, you'll learn about: The history and production of caning How to use machine-made caning to restore an old chair Creating beautiful and intricate rattan wrap patterns for joints, teapot handles, and baskets Rattan processing Incorporating color patterns using paper rush to mimic the French colored straw-wrapped rush. Fashioning a durable and comfortable rush seat using long strands of fiber And much more *The Complete Guide to Chair Caning* will provide everything amateurs and hobbyists need to take on caning projects from start to finish. Experienced and beginning caners alike will appreciate the wealth of expert, time-tested tips Jim Widess has picked up in his three decades of renowned work.

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Jim Widess is the author of the bestselling *The Caner's Handbook* (Lark, 1983). He has co-authored several books, including *The Complete Book of Gourd Craft* (Lark, 1998) and *Making Gourd Musical Instruments* (Sterling, 1999). Jim is the owner of The Caning Shop ([caning.com](http://caning.com)), a store and

successful mail-order business that caters to gourd crafters, basket makers, and chair caners. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I had an old ladderback chair that was in need of redo. The instructions on how to do the rush technique were very good. Once you go a few cycles it goes fairly quickly. If you are going into rehabilitating any type of chair renewal for the seat, the information is very extensive. Lots of photos and drawings to explain how it is done. Mostly this work requires patience and attention to detail. I was very pleased with the outcome and so was my wife. Plus we learned a new skill.

I was mistaken when I bought this, I hoped it would cover much more than it did. It's such an old art and I feel like the author assumed too much from the reader. It's not a book that someone with absolutely no craft experience can use without consulting additional resources, so it's not at all a complete guide in my opinion. Granted I'm very hard headed and it's difficult for me to learn new skills.

I have worked with furniture restoration for many years, including rushing and caning. It has been several years since I have done caning and wanted a refresher. I was very pleased to get this book. It explains what caning is, gives pictured examples from simple to elegant, and has clear instructions and tips. (Since I have caned before, I would have spotted info gaps.) Good book, great price! gaps in info had they been there.

Great book if you want to learn how to cane or rush chairs. I was hoping they would have directions for using Shaker tape to repair a chair. But the book has great pictures and directions.

I liked the book very much but it didn't have the type of seat I was looking for which was for an old rocker done with wicker seat and back. The framework is wooden.

Photos, detailed lists for what you need, step by step, and helpful hints. I am a beginner and have found everything I need to know. My father recommended this book and he has been canning and repairing furniture for over 50 years.

I feel the book is OK.. a little general in nature but good for beginners. Ed Mcc2

books were ordered for my wife's chair project and she was greatly surprised that I had ordered her both of her choices. When ask of her a couple of nites later if it covered her project, she replied with that one and more. Thanks for offering these books at such a good price

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