

Boat Seat Repair Plan

Before you begin the seat repair project, there are a few things that you need to bear in mind:

1. The color of your seat looks like a cream color and it will take a lot of practice to match the color exactly. Take as much time as you can to practice mixing the colors and please watch the color mixing video that was send in the instruction guide in the first and second email that I send you through Amazon
2. You will need to get a paint sponge (a kitchen sponge will work) and Wet & Dry Sandpaper 600 or 800 grade to help you with this project, we haven't included it in the pack but we will be adding it in the future. Please make sure you only use 600 or 800 grade otherwise you will make the damage worse

Step 1

First we would recommend you clean the entire repair section with alcohol wipes, if you run out then use an alcohol cleaner to take off any dirt, dust and protective coating on the seat. It is really important that you give the seat a super good clean.



Step 2

Next, using a scissors, cut away any loose bits of leather and cut the small string of leather dividing both holes. Make sure all rough bits are removed and use sandpaper around the hole edges to rid the tear of anything that could stop the backing fabric from sticking.

Step 3

Cut a piece of backing fabric to the same shape as the tear but make it slightly bigger. You need it to be slightly bigger because once you have cut it so that it sticks underneath the leather. Using tweezers, gently push the fabric into place and beneath the leather edges so that it fits underneath perfectly and is level.

Step 4

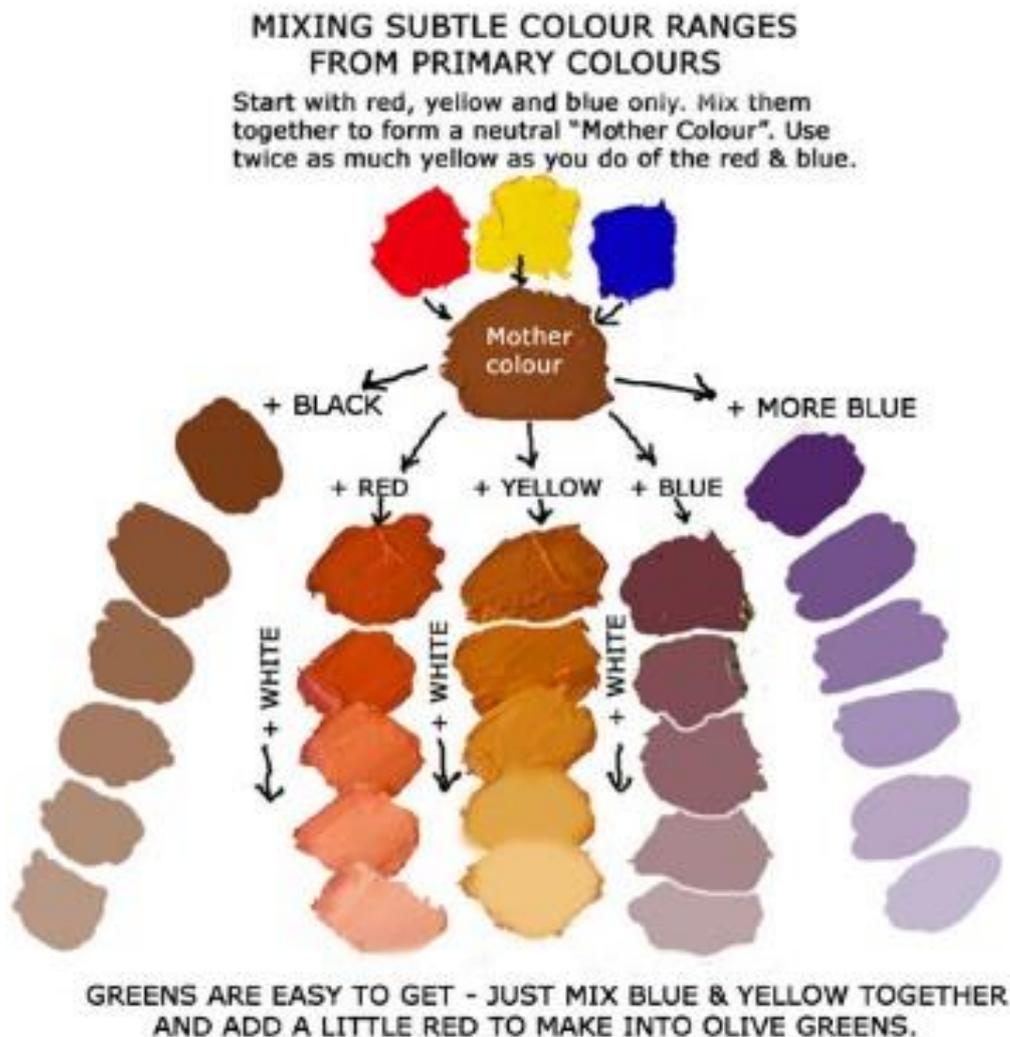
If there is flexibility, put the adhesive filler all over the backing fabric and try and push the tear back together from either side and holding it for long enough to see that both sides stick. One thing to bear in mind is that if this patch is where someone is likely to sit often, it could reopen in the future.

If there is no flexibility or the above doesn't work, put the adhesive filler all over the backing fabric and then leave it to dry. Make sure to apply a generous amount of adhesive and ensure that the entire split is filled. We recommend using a hairdryer to speed up this part. Once dry, use sandpaper to level off the filler so the surface is level and smooth. Wipe off the dust.

Step 4

Mixing the colors. The trickiest part. Once you have watched the color mixing video, we recommend that you follow this as a guide because it should help you get close to the creamy color of your seat:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhLq1M13TUE> – Color Mixing Video Link



There is a white color included, so you have two options to get to the color you want, either by adding brown to the white, or using this mother color technique. Spend as much time as you can practice using an old shoe or the sample PU leather included in the kit.

Step 5

Using a paint sponge (a kitchen sponge will work). Apply the paint to your seat and to the areas that need repairing, generously dab on the paint and spread out the paint out as much as possible. Ensure that you cover the entire damaged area. Make sure to rub in the paint so that there are no drips, if you do end up with any drips or lumpy bits, when the paint has dried, you can sand down any lumpy bits to smoothen them out.

Step 6



Choose the correct grain paper from within the leather kit so that you can match the leather grain on your seat to the area that you are attempting to repair. **You will use this when you are on your last coat of paint.**

Step 7

Wait for the paint to dry or use a hairdryer to speed up the drying process. Once dry, keep applying paint until you are happy that the tear has been restored to the right color. When you have applied your last coat of paint, you need to apply the grain paper to the painted part of the seat that you have repaired as it has no grain. Apply the grain paper by holding it face down on to the repaired area and keep holding it in place for around 10-20 seconds. If possible, try and tape the grain paper down so that it doesn't move.

And Finally

Once dry, your repair and restore should be complete. Your seat may end up being a slightly different shade of color than they were originally but as they dry out completely, it is possible that the color can lighten up.

The paint can dry a matte color (not shiny) and this is due this paint not having been polished (like the rest of the seat). It is really important that you apply a leather sealer/waterproofing or a Leather Gloss to the seat once you are finished and you are happy. If you don't do this, the paint is likely to run if it becomes wet as it doesn't have any protection. There are a lot of leather sealers available on Amazon and they are reasonably priced. This will also give the seat a nice shiny polished look. We don't currently have a leather conditioner but we are working on adding one to our range, if you would like us to recommend one to you, please drop us a message.