

## **Car Seat Repair Plan**

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

1. The color of your seat looks like a dark brown color and it will take a lot of practice to match the color exactly and this is one of the reasons why it would be better to have another pack. Take as much time as you can to practice mixing the colors and please watch the color mixing video that was sent in the instruction guide in the first and second email that I sent 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, for all patches like this that look worn, you will need to lightly sand down the worn area. Do this for all worn patches and any area where the color has faded or peeled away. Once finished, wipe off any excess dust.

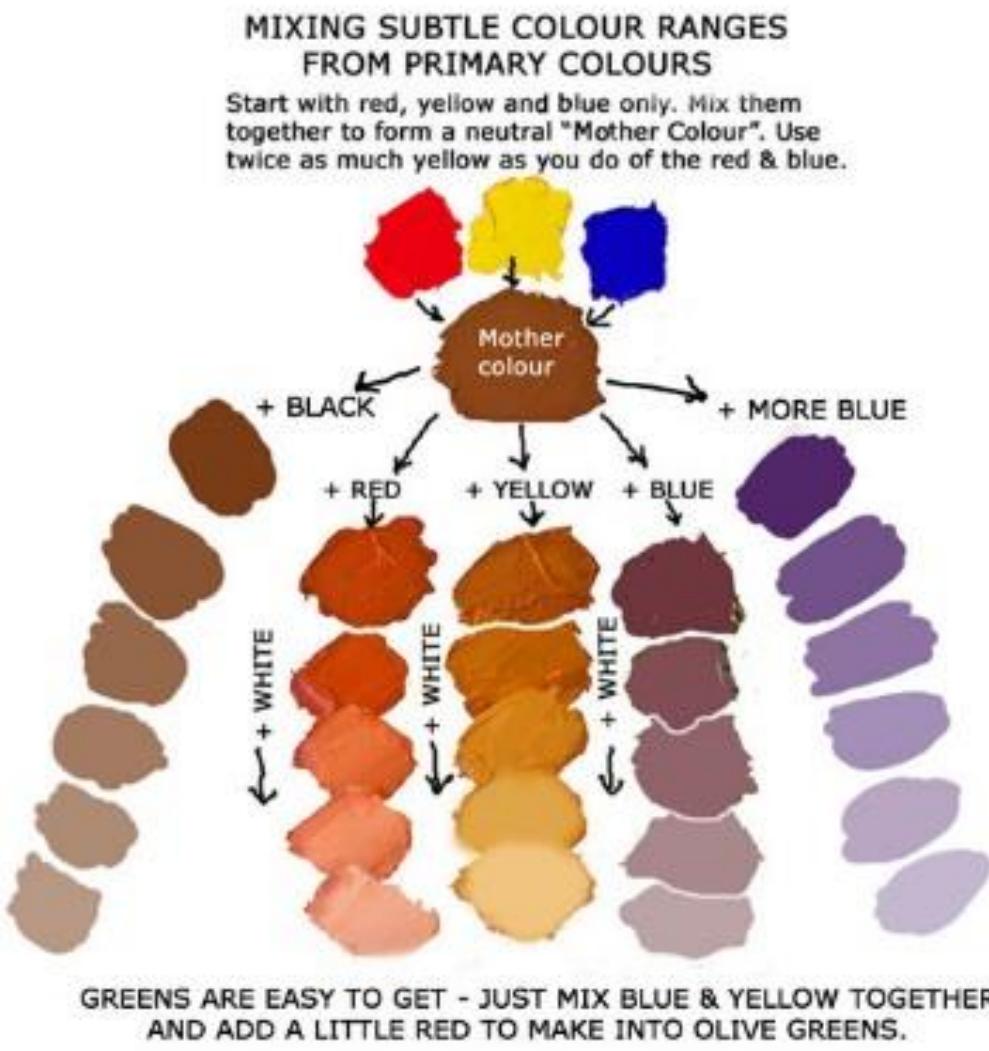
### **Step 3**

Once you have sanded down the worn parts, it is my recommendation that you then lightly sand down the whole entire section. By sanding, we don't mean to take the leather off or to remove the color, but just to slightly scour the area so that it provides an excellent bond for the paint. You also want to remove any bits of leather that might be flapping around or loose. Once completed, wipe off any excess dirt and dust from the sanding.

#### 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 brown color of your seat:

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



There is a brown color included, so you have two options to get to the color you want, either by adding white or black to the brown, 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 areas and if you are happy to do so, I would cover the whole section otherwise you might end up with different shades on the seat. Make sure to rub in the paint so that there are no drips, if you do end up with any drips or lumpy bits, you can just lightly sand them down. When the paint has dried, you can sand down any lumpy bits to smoothen it 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 cracks and faded patches are restored. When you have applied your last coat of paint, you need to apply the grain paper to the painted part of the seat that has no grain, for example, the patches where the leather was completely worn away. 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 to 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.

## Additional Steps

If you find that the repaired section is a slightly different color to the rest of the seat, it is because the repaired section has just been restored without any wear or tear (unlike the rest of the seat). We would recommend that you use the remaining paint to restore the rest of the seat so it ALL looks restored. To do this, you would simply lightly sand around the rest of the seat and apply the paint in the same way as you have done before and apply as many coats as you feel is necessary.

**You don't need to do the above if you are happy that the worn area that you have repaired looks fine with the rest of the seat.**