

How to Fix a Wobbly Chair

A wobbly chair is one of those fixes that is so simple, you'll wonder why you put it off so long.

1. LOOSEN THE JOINT

- Knock the loose joint apart with a hammer or mallet.

2. SAND IT SMOOTH

- Remove any old glue from both surfaces of the joint with a utility knife. Use sandpaper or steel wool to smooth out the joint as much as possible. Or, a rotary tool with a sanding attachment makes short work of this step.

3. GLUE IT

- Spread wood glue on the surfaces of the joint. It's better to use too much than too little. You can wipe away the excess with a wet rag.

4. SCREW IT

- Drill a pocket screw into the chair parts at an angle for extra reinforcement. A pocket-hole jig can guide the screw in at the correct angle.

5. CLAMP IT

- Clamp the joint. Tighten the clamp until the glue oozes out and wipe away the excess.

6. LET IT DRY

- Let the glue dry under pressure for 24 hours.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- Wobbly spindles on your stairway can be fixed the same way as the spindles on your chair back.

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NOTE: Always follow manufacturer's recommended safety precautions and instructions for the products you use.