

# Clamping a Chair Without Clamps

## Another Tip From Don Butler

Y'know, chairs are unusual in that they almost all have no 90° joints. For that reason, it's hard to get ordinary clamps to stay put when gluing up the legs and stretchers. Even web clamps will slip and loosen, adding to the aggravation of the job.

I discovered, however, that cheap, black electrical tape works well to pull those chair assemblies (and other odd shaped projects, too) tightly together. Don't waste money on good tape, it isn't a bit better than the cheap stuff, and you're just going to throw it away afterwards.

Give it a lot of wraps. The more times it goes around, the tighter it gets, and the adhesive makes it stay where you want it without slipping.

Since I did this many times in my former life as a "Chair Doctor", I can tell you it really works.

Try this on other glue-ups that are hard to assemble using regular clamps.

Regards, Don

