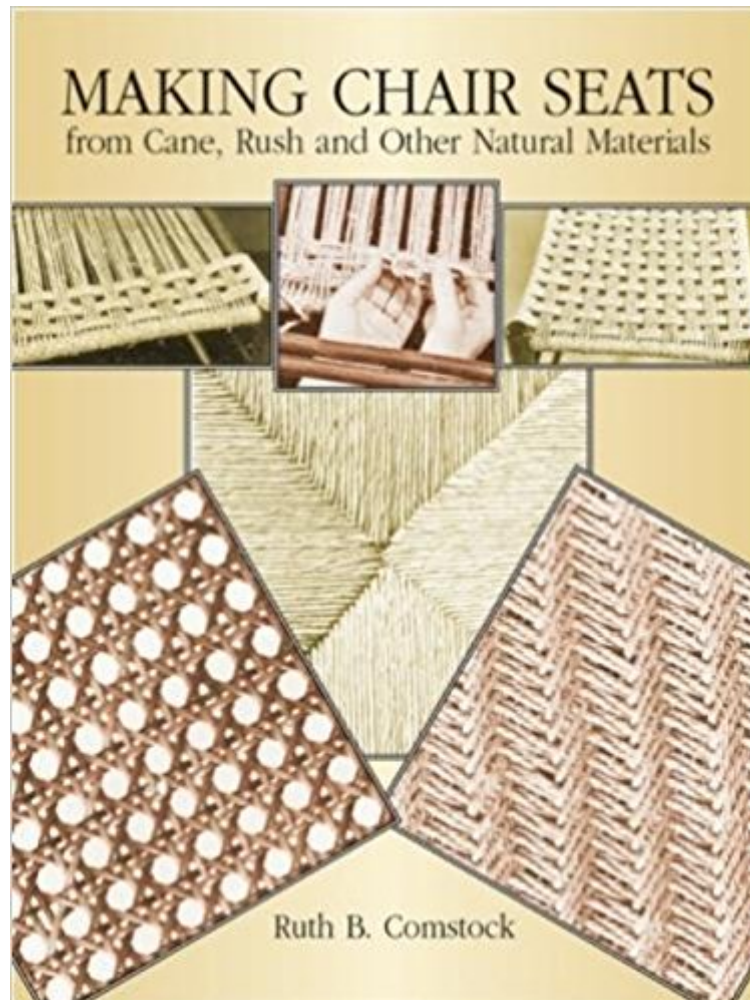




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# Making Chair Seats From Cane, Rush And Other Natural Materials



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