



  
**Winchester Furniture**  
*From The Craftsman To The Customer*

## FULL TRADITIONAL UPHOLSTERY WORKFLOW — WINCHESTER

### Traditional Upholstery Workflow — The Winchester Method Code

#### 1. FRAME PREPARATION

- ├ Solid hardwood frame assembled
- ├ Dowels, screws, corner blocks fitted
- └ All joints checked for rigidity

#### 2. WEBBING

- ├ Jute webbing stretched across seat & back
- ├ Fixed with webbing stretcher for tension
- └ Forms the foundation for springing

#### 3. SPRINGING

- ├ Coil springs positioned and tacked
- ├ Springs hand-tied in 8-way pattern
- └ Height, tension & alignment checked

#### 4. FIRST HESSIAN LAYER

- ├ Hessian stretched over springs
- ├ Tacked tightly to frame
- └ Prevents stuffing from falling into springs

#### 5. INNER PADDING (HIGH DENSITY FOAM)

- ├ Eco-friendly reconstituted foam padding
- ├ Skin foam
- └ Fully covered with high density foam

#### 6. LEATHER CUTTING

- ├ Panels hand-cut from full-grain hides
- ├ Grain direction matched
- └ Marked for buttoning & seams



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#### 7. LEATHER FITTING

- ┆ Leather positioned and tensioned
- ┆ Pulled evenly across the frame
- ┆ Tacked temporarily for alignment

#### 8. DEEP BUTTONING

- ┆ Holes pierced through leather & calico
- ┆ Buttons pulled through & secured
- ┆ Diamond pattern formed by hand

#### 9. TOGGING & PLEAT FORMATION

- ┆ Pleats shaped by hand
- ┆ Togging hammer used to set folds
- ┆ Pattern locked into place

#### 10. FINAL FITTING & NAILING

- ┆ Leather permanently fixed
- ┆ Excess trimmed
- ┆ Edges finished cleanly

#### 11. STUDDING / TRIM

- ┆ Hand-nailed studs applied
- ┆ Spacing measured by eye
- ┆ Decorative & structural

#### 12. FINAL INSPECTION

- ┆ Tension checked
- ┆ Buttoning alignment verified
- ┆ Leather conditioned & finished





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## THE WINCHESTER PRINCIPLES & STANDARD

### The Philosophy Behind the Method - The Winchester Craft Principles

#### 1. Continuity of Form

A Chesterfield is not a collection of parts. It is a continuous architectural silhouette where the arms and back form a single, unified line. This principle guides every stage of the build.

#### 2. Integrity of Materials

Traditional upholstery depends on the quality of what lies beneath the surface. Hardwood frames, jute webbing, coil springs, natural padding and full-grain leather are not preferences, they are requirements.

#### 3. Hand-Skill Over Mechanisation

Deep buttoning, pleating, tensioning and finishing cannot be automated without losing the character of the form. The Winchester Method preserves the hand-skills that define the craft.

#### 4. Transparency of Process

Craft should be visible. Winchester documents and shows the work so customers understand how a real Chesterfield is made.

#### 5. Heritage Responsibility

A Chesterfield is part of a British upholstery tradition that spans centuries. Winchester's role is not to reinvent the form, but to preserve it with accuracy and respect.

### The Winchester Standard

A real Chesterfield is defined by:

- continuity of form
- deep buttoning as a craft technique
- traditional upholstery construction
- balanced proportions
- material integrity
- craft continuity
- heritage awareness

This is not a certificate. This is not a trademark. This is not a marketing device.  
This is the craft reality of what a Chesterfield is, and has always been.

Winchester does not claim ownership of the word. We honour the responsibility of making it properly.

This document forms part of the Winchester Method Code, our commitment to traditional upholstery.

