

## THE NEST

Take our advice. She's got a gun, and she knows how to use it.

A couple of years ago, designer Edward Walker of television's *Trading Spaces* saw Leslie Segrete struggling with a hand stapler during an episode of *While You Were Out*. He promptly sent her an electric DuoFast upholstery stapler.

Now the show's carpenter and go-to seamstress/upholsterer doesn't know what she'd do without it. "Its long nose gets into tight and tricky spots," says Leslie, "and it's weighty enough to hold down stretched fabric."

Leslie recently re-covered this armchair in a rich chocolate chenille damask. She says anyone can learn the skill. A great way to start is with a do-it-yourself kit from [www.headboardcraft.com](http://www.headboardcraft.com). "In an hour's time, you can create a beautiful, personalized upholstered headboard," says Leslie. "It'll really give you a major sense of accomplishment."

Leslie offers more tips and projects on her Web site: [www.lesliesegrete.com](http://www.lesliesegrete.com).

