

Sling Fabric Weight & Ease of Installation Comparison

An important factor to consider when ordering replacement sling fabric is the weight. The heavier the fabric weight, the more difficult – but not impossible – it will be to slide the fabric into the sling chair's groove or channel. For easy installation, choose a sling fabric that's less than 19 ounces per square yard, which is most solid colored and striped sling fabrics. If you like the look of wicker weave and basketweave sling fabrics, these are the heaviest and most difficult fabrics to install. It will require two people to install, as well as lubricant and vice grips. Watch our video "How to Replace Fabric on a Patio Sling Chair" (#300109XHT) to see how a heavyweight sling fabric is installed in a patio chair.

FABRIC WEIGHT (ounces per square yard)	EASE OF CREATING HEMS & SLEEVES	RECOMMENDED SEWING MACHINE	EASE OF FEEDING IN SLING RAIL CHANNEL/GROOVE	OUTDOOR LONGEVITY	SEWING THREAD RECOMMENDATIONS
11 to 14 oz.	Easy	Home Sewing Machine or Heavy Duty Sewing Machine	Easy	Very Good	Home Sewing Machine: V-69 Polyester or Lifetime Thread Heavy Duty Sewing Machine: V-92 Polyester or Lifetime Thread
15 to 16 oz.	Easy	Home Sewing Machine or Heavy Duty Sewing Machine	Easy	Excellent	Home Sewing Machine: V-69 Polyester Heavy Duty Sewing Machine: V-92 Polyester or Lifetime Thread
17 to 18 oz.	Normal	Heavy Duty Sewing Machine	Normal	Excellent	V-92 Polyester or Lifetime Thread
19 to 25 oz.	Slightly Difficult	Heavy Duty Sewing Machine	Challenging	Excellent	V-92 Polyester or Lifetime Thread