



# How to Repair the Hinges on a Sofa Storage Compartment

This guide will assist users in repairing the hinges on a Sofa Storage Compartment so that the cover can open and close properly.

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## INTRODUCTION

A sofa storage compartment is opened and closed often so it's no surprise that the hinges become loose over time. Most of the time it starts with a loose screw, frequent re-tightening of the screws will cause the screw hole to tear open and the screws no longer fit tightly, resulting in loose hinges.

With loose hinges the compartment cover does not close the way it should. This is very easy to fix. The trick is to fill the worn-out screw holes with something that is wood and small enough to fill the hole, like matches sticks. Wood glue is also an important element, as it helps to seal the sticks inside the hole.

This guide will instruct users how to fill the worn-out screw hole and replace the hinges.



### TOOLS:

- [Phillips #0 Screwdriver](#) (1)
  - [Carpenters Wood Glue](#) (1)
  - [match sticks](#) (1)
  - [Staple Gun](#) (1)
  - [Hammer](#) (1)
  - [Wood screws length about 3/4 in \(1.905cm\)](#)  
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## Step 1 — Hinges



- Partially remove the inside fabric to access screw holes.
- ⓘ If the fabric is stapled down, you can use the Phillips screwdriver to loosen the staples. In this case, the fabric was already coming off so it was easy to pull back by hand.



## Step 2



- Apply glue to the match stick and insert it into the screw holes.
- ⓘ Depending on the size of the hole, you may need more than 1 match stick for each hole. Toothpicks will also work in place of a match stick.

### Step 3



- Break off the end of the match sticks and use a hammer to secure it in the holes

**i** A gentle tap with the hammer is all you need to set the stick into the hole.

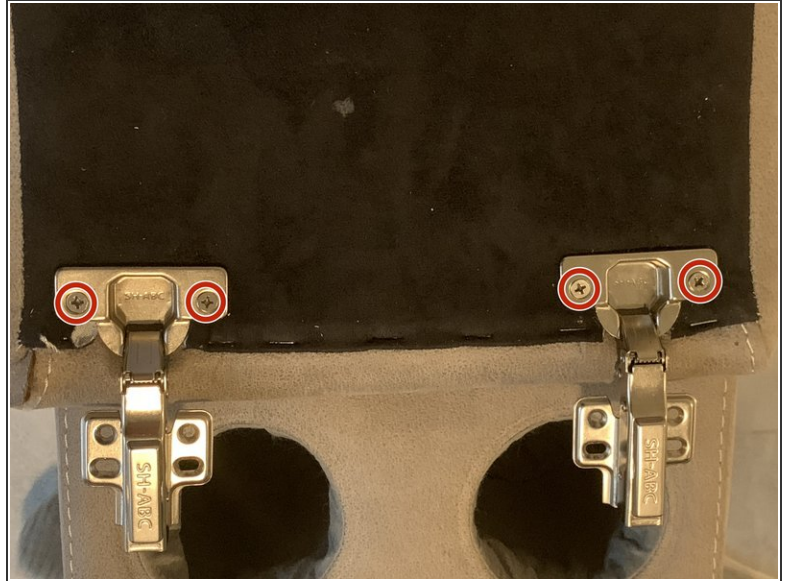
### Step 4



- Use the staple gun to staple the inside fabric. Allow the glued match sticks to dry for approximately 5 minutes before doing the next step.



## Step 5



- Use a Phillips screwdriver to attach each hinge to the cover of the storage compartment with two ¾-inch Flat-Head Wood screws #9.

## Step 6



- Use a Phillips screwdriver to attach each hinge to the base of the storage compartment with four ¾-inch Flat-Head Wood screws #9.

## Step 7



- Here is the Storage Compartment all back together and good as new!

After following this fast fix guide, the hinges should be tightly secured and storage compartment is fixed.