Take a Seat

Reupholster an old dining chair with funky echeverias. XANTHE WHITE shows how it's done.
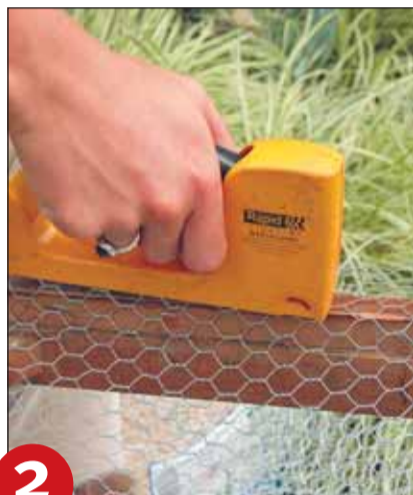
1 REMOVE the upholstered seat of the chair and cut a piece of chicken wire to form the new planter seat.

2 USE a gun stapler to staple the chicken wire to the chair. Bend over any excess wire so that it is concealed.

3 PAINT the chair your choice of colour. Resene Lumbersider is ideal. Apply two coats and allow to dry.

4 USE the old cushion as a template to cut out a piece of weedmat. This will help to retain moisture in the moss.

5 LINE the chicken wire with the piece of weedmat and then fill the seat base with sphagnum moss.

6 ADD a bucket of good quality potting mix to the top of the wet moss. Spread out evenly.

7 PLANT a selection of succulents in the potting mix. Xanthe chose pink-edged echeverias.

8 FINISH the chair by tucking decorative white pebbles into the gaps between the echeverias.