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Child's Upholstered Rocking Chair Plan: Restored 1940's Plan
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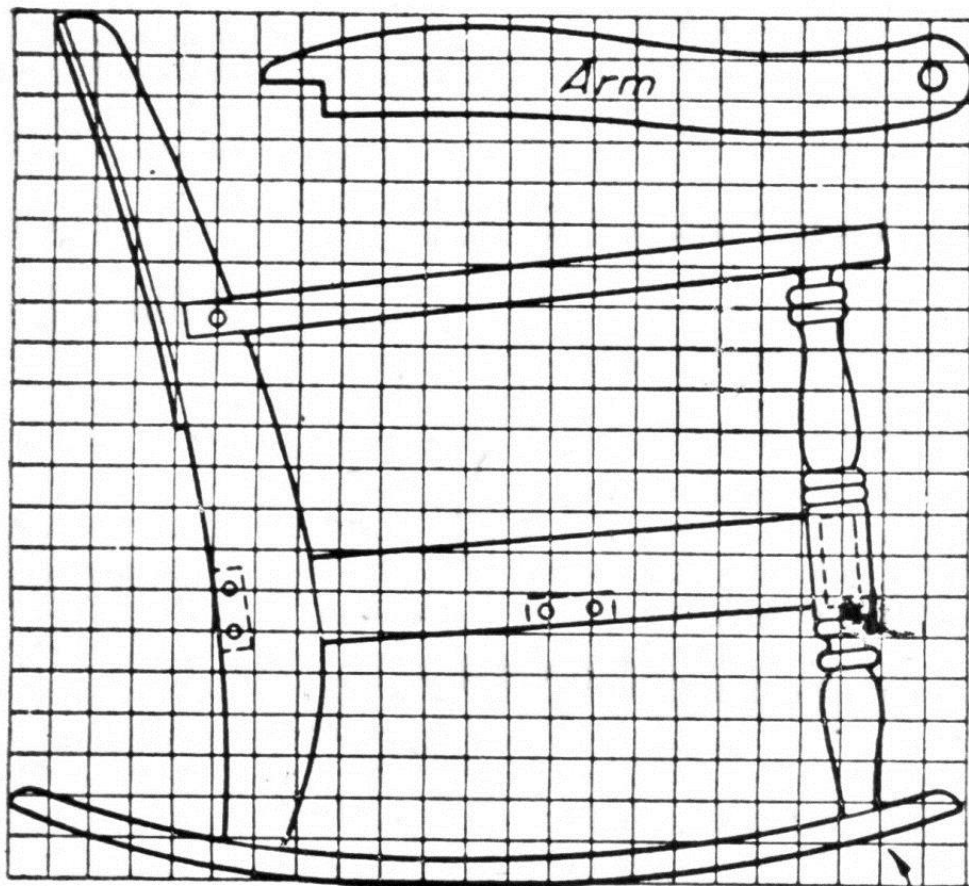
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Nothing delights children more than to have their own small furniture that duplicates in appearance and comfort the pieces that grown-ups enjoy. This is particularly true of a rocking chair, which seems to satisfy a natural craving for activity even while reading a story book. The original chair is in Chinese red with gaily figured upholstery

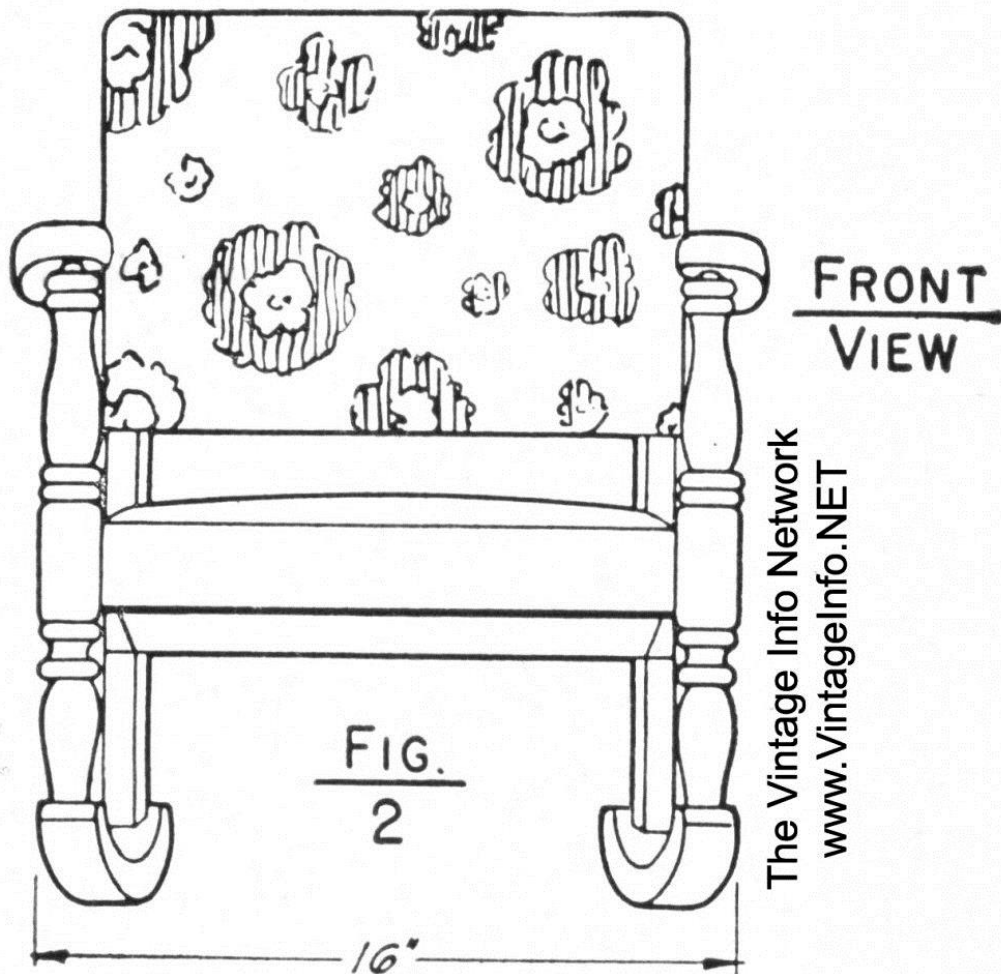
Before constructing the rocker, lay out full-size patterns of the back leg, arm and rocker, using 1" graph squares as in Fig 1. The back legs require two pieces $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 21". The stock may be fastened together temporarily with 1" brads so that both members can be cut on the band saw or jig saw at the same time. The edges can be made smooth on the drum and disk sanders, or a spoke shave may be used.



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FIG. 1

*One inch
Squares*

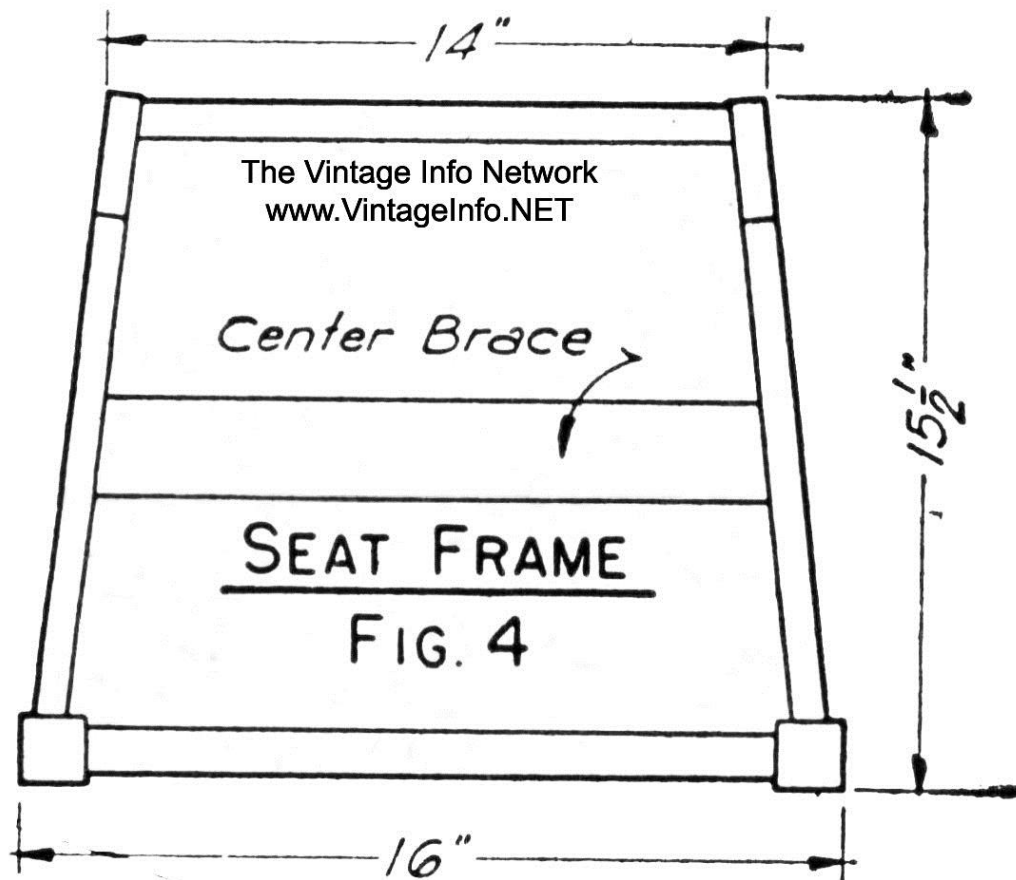


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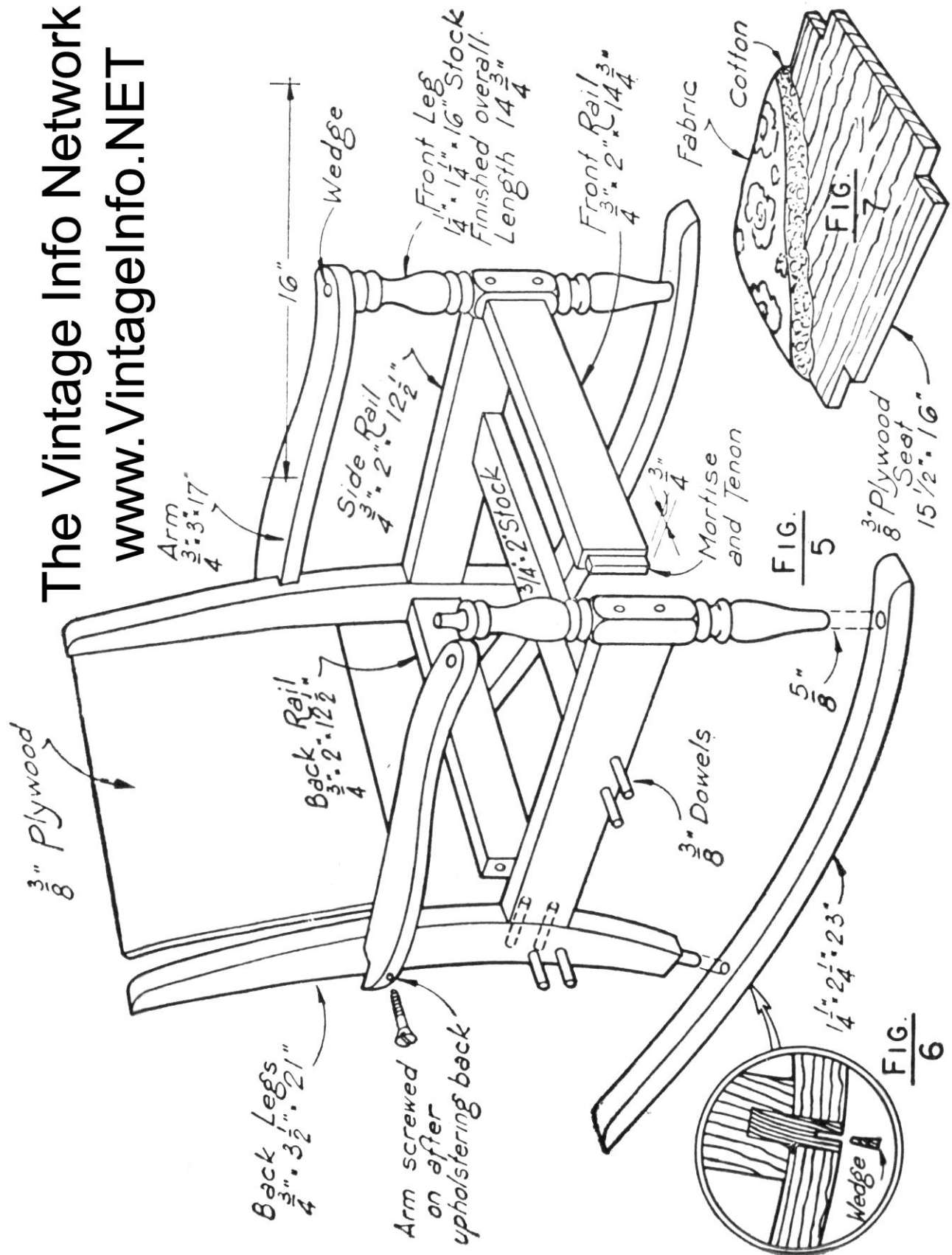
FIG. 3

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The arms require two pieces $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3" x 17", cut to shape in the same manner. A $\frac{5}{8}$ " hole is bored near the forward end of each arm as shown in Figs. 1 and 5 to take the front legs.

The front legs are turned from 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " square stock 16" long. The finished over-all length of these turnings is to be 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The section that is to remain square should be marked off, then the remainder of the stock turned to shape.

The front, back and side rails are cut to the dimensions shown in Fig. 5. Mortises are cut in the front legs to take the front rail; then the tenons are cut on the ends of this member to fit. The other rails are joined to the legs with $\frac{3}{8}$ " dowels. The center brace shown in Figs. 4 and 5 is made of $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2" stock and doweled in place. The arms are fastened to the back-leg with wood screws.

The rockers are cut to shape on the band saw and joined to the front and back legs as shown in Figs. 5 and 6. Glue should be applied to all contacting wood surfaces while assembling.

Plywood is used for the back and removable seat. The former is upholstered with figured fabric over padding, the cloth being brought around over the side frames and tacked in back, then another piece tacked over with upholstery nails. On the seat the fabric is simply stretched tight over the padding and tacked on the underside.

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