

Level Two

Make a Seat



The opportunity to sit down is one of the great joys, if not necessities of urban living.

Yet cities fail to provide enough places for people to rest, socialize, or simply watch

the world go by. By contributing to “Make a Seat”, people within the neighborhood can create, build, design, or donate a

unique seat into the community to provide better quality seating in Apache Junction! Seats can be placed next to small

businesses, around the neighborhoods, public services, and advocacy organizations. We hope this project serves as an

inspiration for anyone interested in enriching the quality of their neighborhood's public realm.

Investment: Making a seat can required up to 7 hours of labor to make and create from scratch and can cost up to 100 dollars for materials.

1. Pick a Location

- Begin by exploring your neighborhood and community and observe where you think more seating is needed within the city. Pick one location where it lacks available seating to enjoy the surrounding environment like:

- Near a park or in a neighborhood
- Front Lawn or near your private property
- Within business center

2. Design your Seat

- The point in making your own seat is to be as creative as possible and bring out the unique culture of Apache Junction! Your seat can be anything you want to as long as it is publicly acceptable Let your creativity run wild! To start determine what type of seat you want to bring out to the public to use. Seats ideas can be:

- Small wood bench
- Single metal chair
- Covered and designed seat

3. Build Your Seat

- If you would like to create your own seat, basic steps into how to make a seat are explained below. When making a seat, remember safety is always first, so make sure you are taking the necessary safety precautions when you build your chair Make sure you have the necessary tools. Also make sure the chair is appropriate with no foul language or nudity on it. How to make a seat:

- Determine how big you want the seat
- Build the frame for your bench
- Create the “seat” of your chair
- Drill together legs of chair with proper nails
- Paint if necessary
- Test sturdiness of chair before completion

4. Contact Apache Junction Public Works

- Once chair is picked or completed, take a picture of the seat for Heather Patel and Public Works to review. Public Works is responsible for the construction and maintenance of all public property in the city of Apache Junction. If your seat location is on public property (ex. park or next to street), you must submit paperwork for approval of the seat location.
- Submit the “[Request Form](#)” and fill out all provided information for the seat.
 - Explain briefly why you think this location needs a seat.
 - What you imagine your seat would look like with details.

5. Install the seat and enjoy the view!

- Once approved, pick a day with Public Works to have the seat installed, in the chosen location, and enjoy the view! Remember to upkeep the chair so it stays beautiful!

