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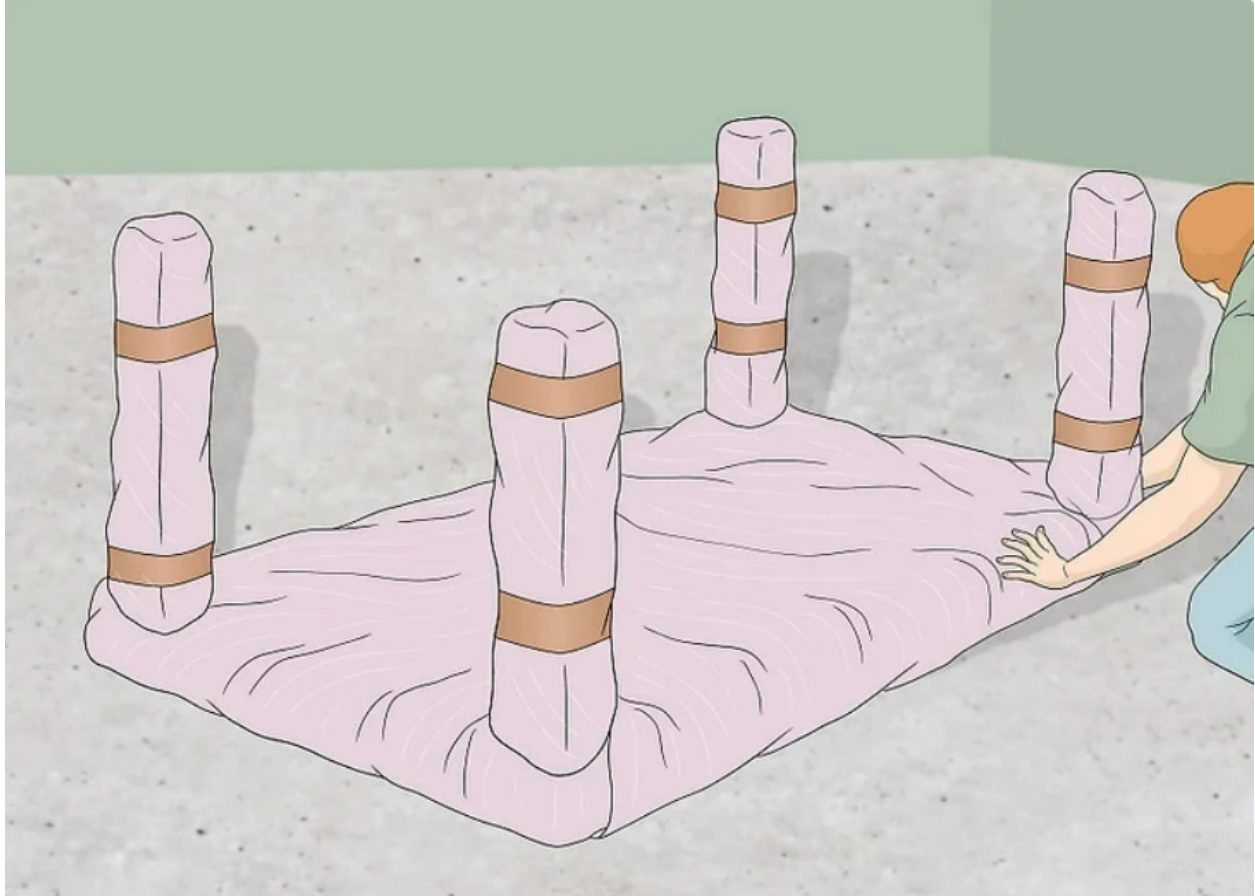


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Cover furniture with blankets or furniture pads. To best protect your furniture, wrap it carefully with pads or blankets. You can use old blankets that you already have or you can purchase or rent some moving specific blankets from a moving supply company. Start at one end and wrap around the entire circumference of the piece. Make sure to also cover the top and bottom of the item. Pretend like you are wrapping a present and make sure to cover everything.

For larger pieces, you will need multiple blankets or pads.

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Wrap table and chair legs with blankets or pads. It's best if you can remove the legs before packing. If they are not removable, make sure that they are wrapped very carefully. Tightly secure the material by going around each individual leg with the padding and the plastic wrap. You want to be able to see a distinct outline of each table leg.

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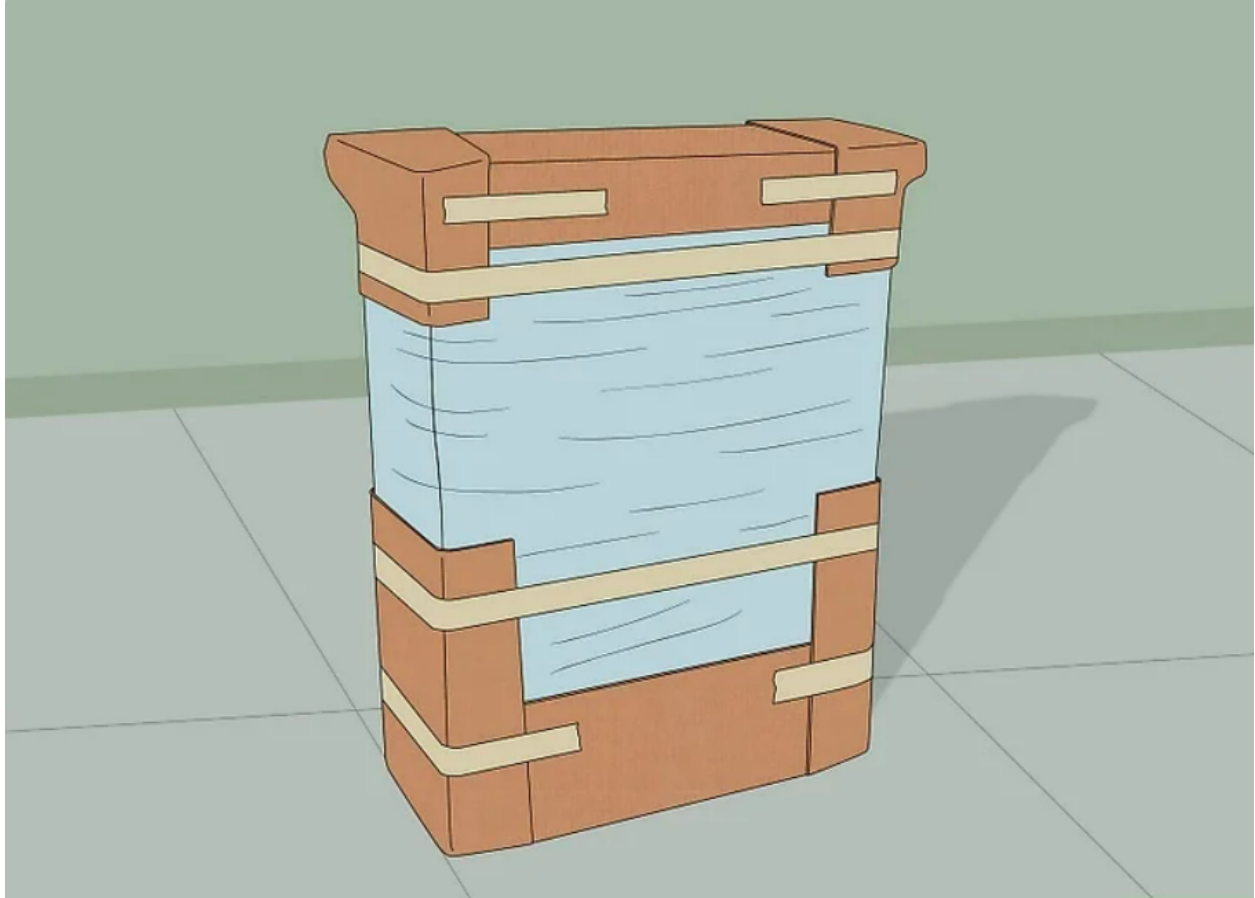


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Secure covers with plastic wrap. Take hold of the roll of plastic wrap and begin winding it around the piece of furniture. For a sofa, for example, you would start at one arm and go all the way around the sofa with the wrap until you reach your starting point. Wrap each piece of furniture in plastic wrap to keep the blankets or pads from shifting during the move.

- For long-distance moves, the plastic wrap will also keep dirt from getting to your furniture.

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Place pieces of cardboard on the corners of desks and dressers and on glass tops of tables. After the furniture is wrapped, add cardboard to the corners of large items. To protect pieces such as dressers, place several inches of cardboard under the bottom of the furniture. Bring the rest of the cardboard up so that it covers the base of the item. Bend the cardboard to cover the corners of the furniture. Secure with packing tape.

- You can do this for pieces of wood furniture, such as a dresser or desk, to keep the corners from getting damaged in the move.
- Place a piece of strong cardboard over glass tabletops. Secure with packing tape.

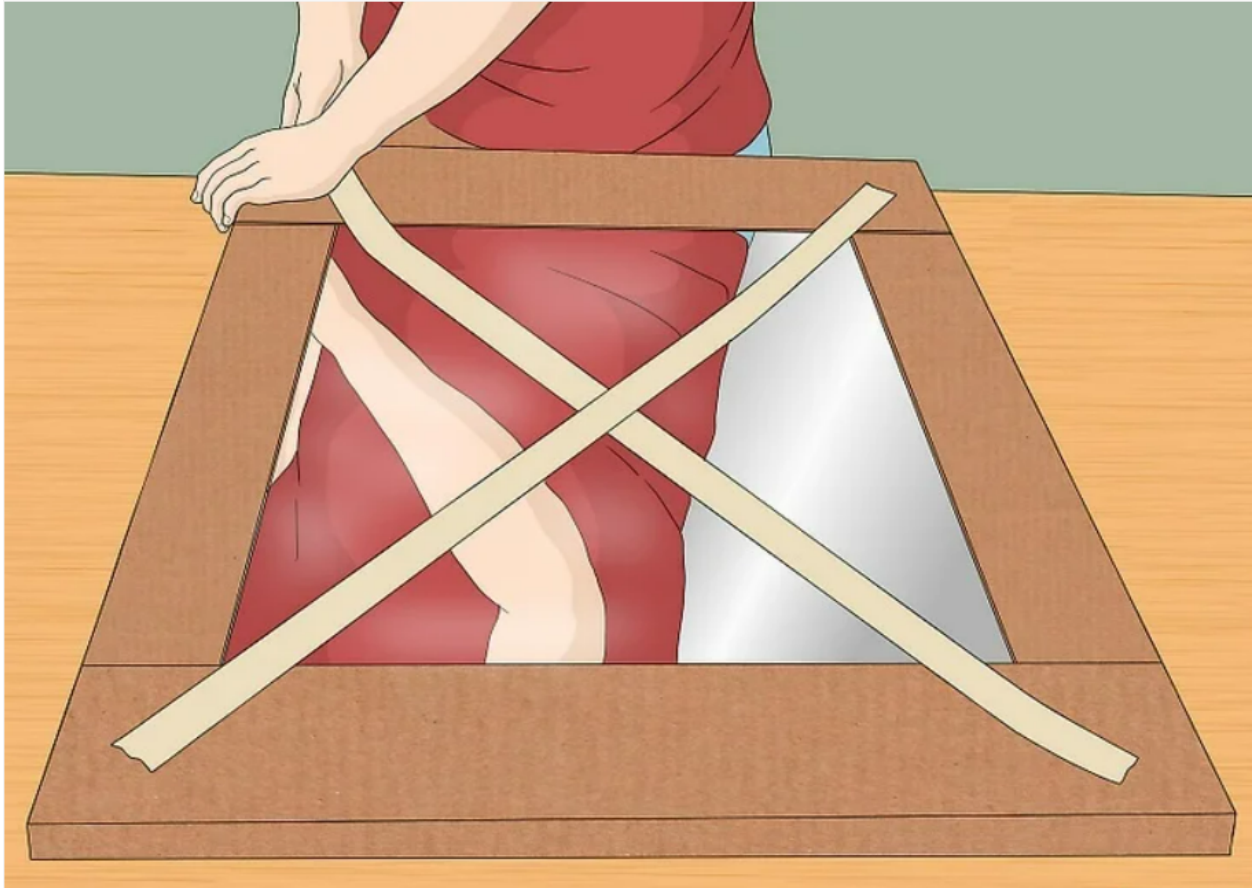
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Wrap fragile items with bubble wrap. You might want an extra layer of protection for certain items. If you are particularly worried about scratches or other damage to a piece of wooden furniture, add a layer of bubble wrap on top of the plastic wrap. Take a roll of bubble wrap and wrap it around the entire piece of furniture, securing with tape.

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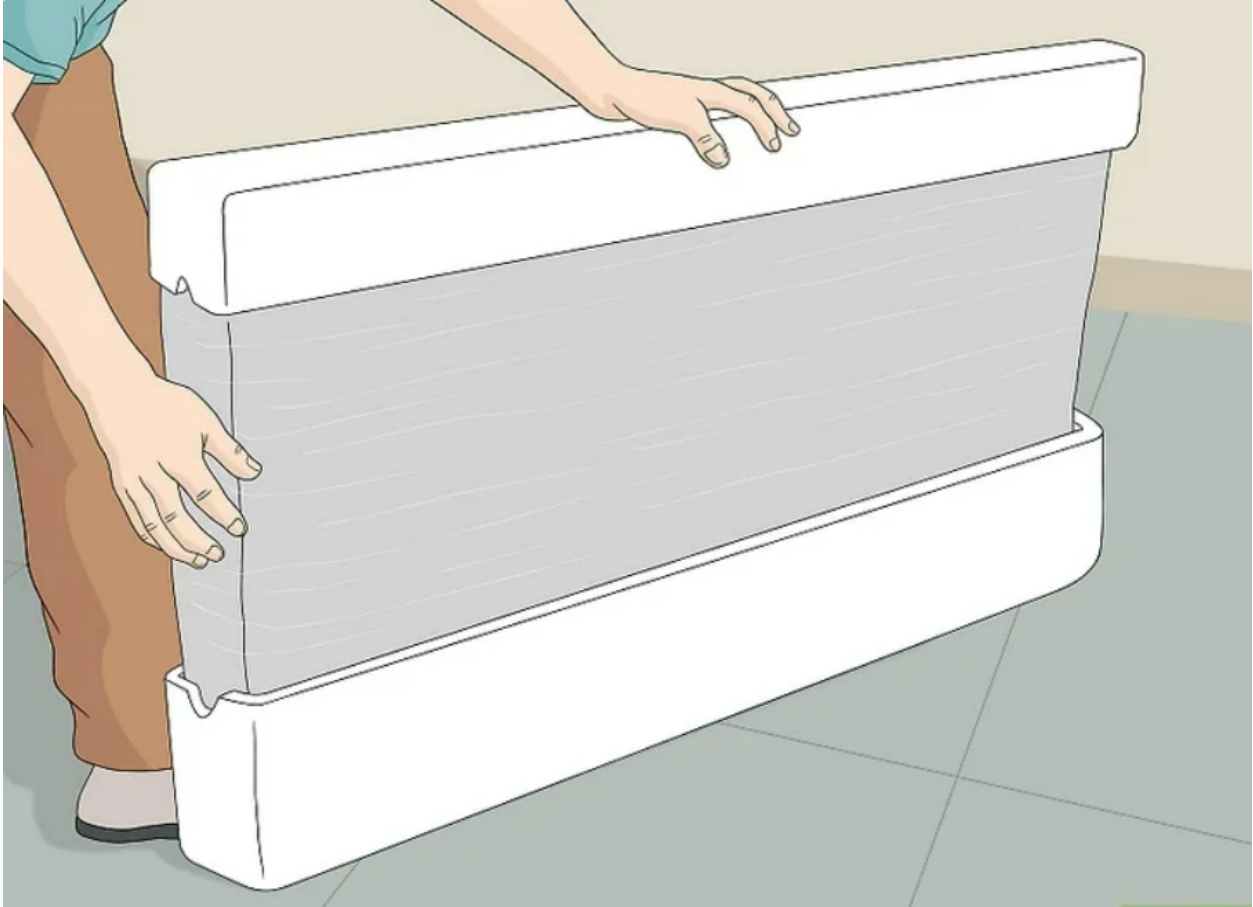


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Wrap your mirrors using tape and cardboard. Use masking tape to create several X shapes on the front of each of your mirrors. This will keep the glass from shattering if you accidentally bump or drop the mirror. Cut small pieces of cardboard to place over the edges of each corner. Secure the cardboard with tape.

- Next, cut two pieces of cardboard to cover the front and back of your mirror. Wrap an old sheet around the mirror, then cover with the cardboard pieces and secure with packing tape. You can also use bubble wrap to create this protective layer.
- You can also cut two pieces of Styrofoam to fit on the front and back of each mirror for an extra layer of protection. Secure with packing tape.
- If your mirror is small enough to fit in a box, place extra padding in the box. You can use old sheets or towels or more bubble wrap.

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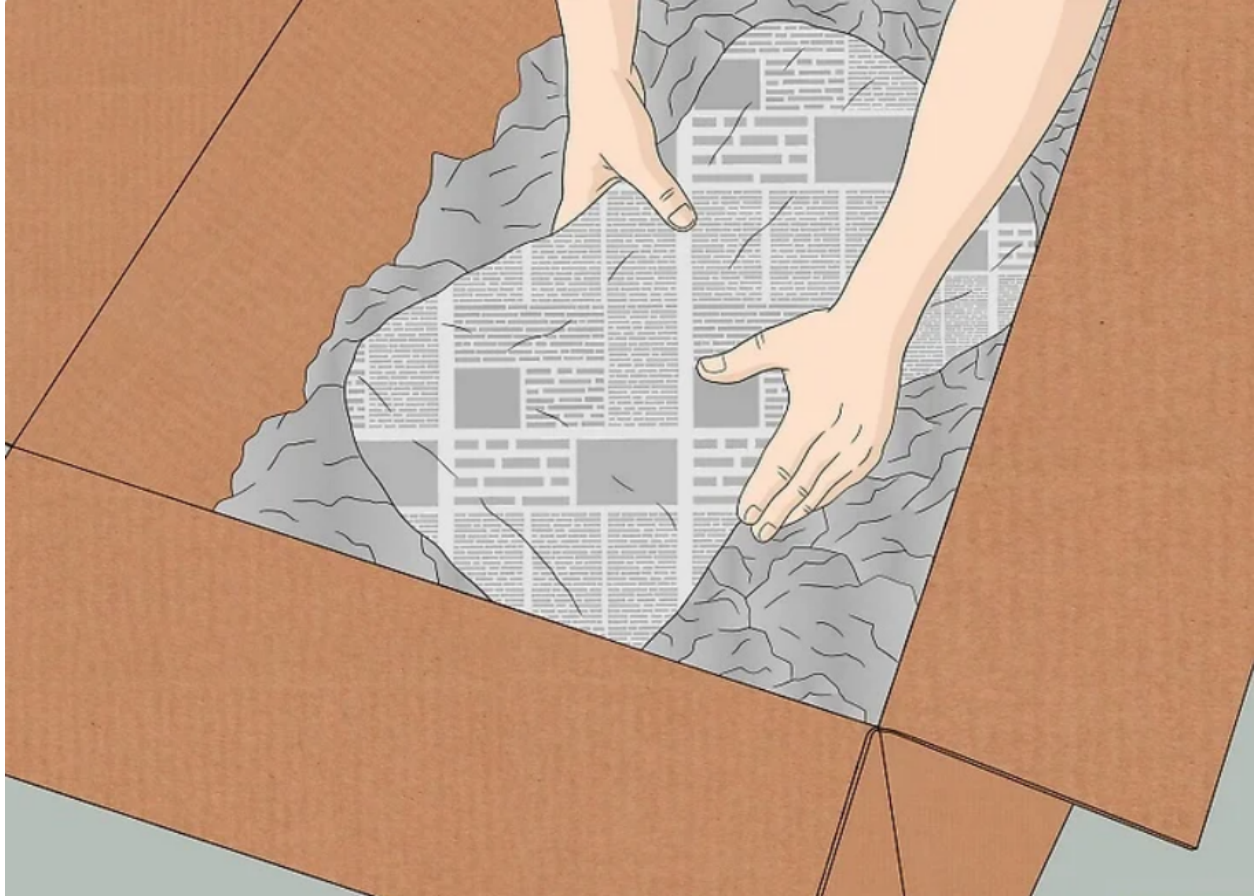


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Pack your television by covering it with a cloth and securing with plastic wrap. Cover your television with an old blanket or cover. Take two Styrofoam blocks and cut a piece the width of your TV screen out of each. Place the blocks over the blanket or TV cover and secure by wrapping plastic wrap around the screen.

- Make sure to tape all cords to the base of the TV so they don't get in the way.

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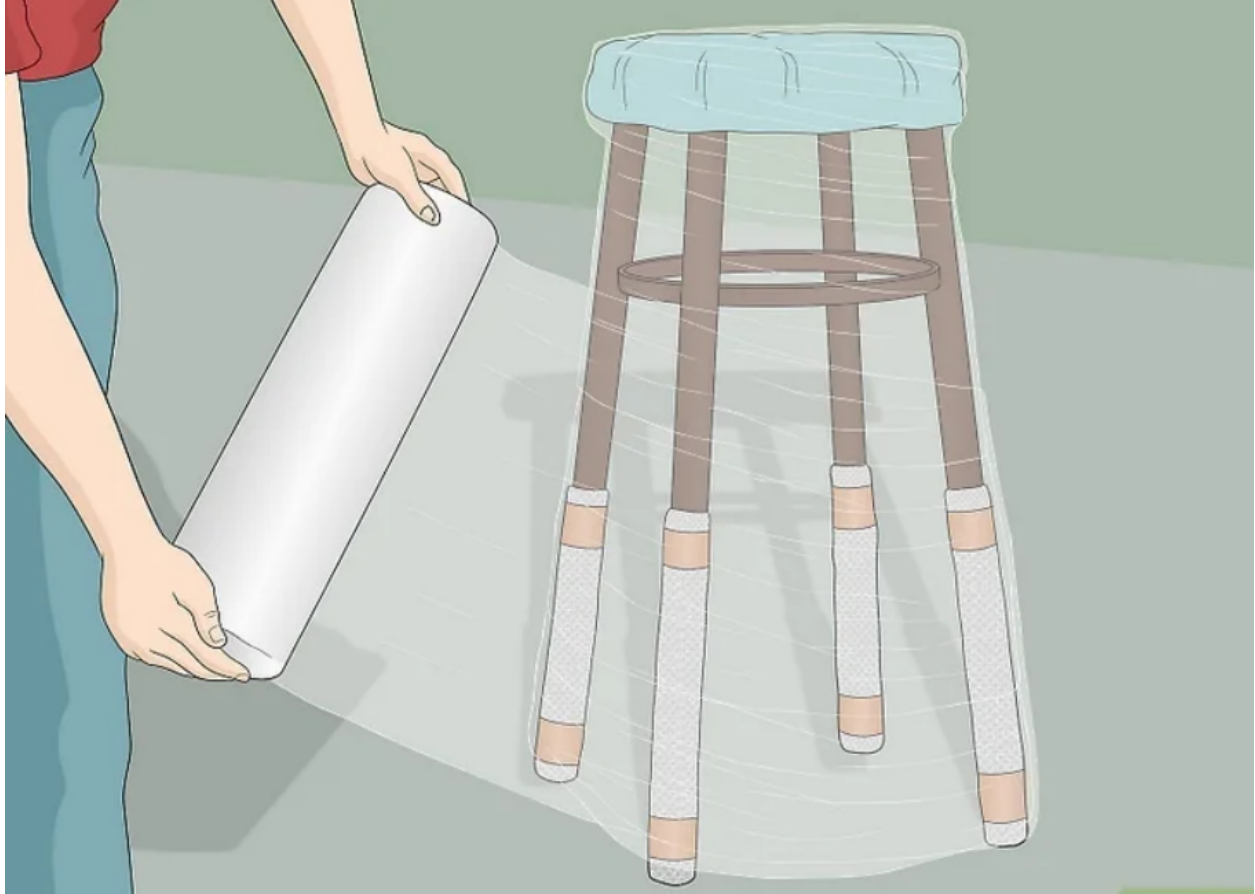


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Wrap your lamp in the newspaper. Remove the light bulb and lampshade from the base of the lamp and set aside. Wrap the cord around the base of the lamp and secure it with tape. Wrap the base of the lamp in newspaper and secure it with tape.

- Place the lamp in a box and place crumpled newsprint around the sides.
- To pack the lampshade, line the sides of a box with newspaper and place the shade in the box. Place crumpled newsprint under the shade to help it retain its shape.

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Wrap bar stools in bubble tape. Bar stools are generally pretty hard to take apart, so your best bet is to make sure they're protected for the move. Wrap the legs in bubble wrap and secure with packing tape. Cover fabric seats with plastic wrap to protect them.

- If your stools have removable cushions, remove them from the stools and pack them separately.