



Straight after the Christmas issue of RV went to print we drove to Auckland and headed to Starfish Interiors in Avondale. We had been there weeks earlier and had the vehicle measured up for new curtains and picked out our fabrics – roman blinds for me all day long in an RV. I love them in RnR especially, because we used a blackout fabric that looks a lovely light oyster colour, but at night seals off any exterior lighting brilliantly – I like to sleep in the dark in the motorhome.

It was time for them to be installed and I was really excited – there's no bigger transformation you can make to the interior of the motorhome than changing the squabs, seats and curtains. We had originally wanted to support a local upholstery firm in Martinborough, but after getting a few quotes and then comparing them, there was no question; it was a better deal from Starfish by a significant amount, so off to Auckland we went.

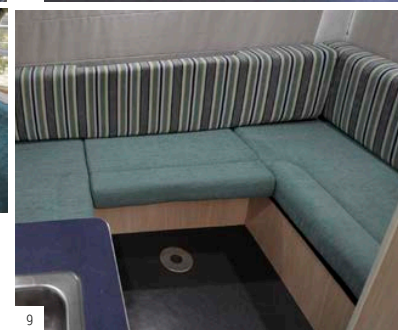
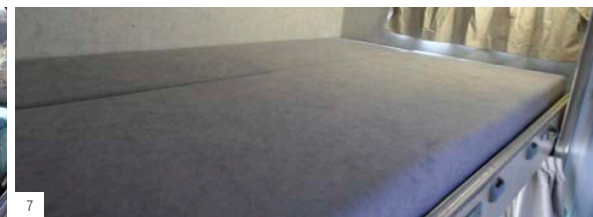
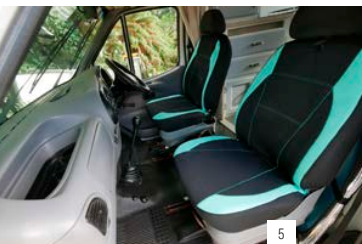


We worked with Starfish Interiors when we bought our own motorhome, RocknRobyn the truck-based vehicle we have owned for over five years now. At that time we had them make new seats, squabs, luton squabs, new roman blind curtains for the windows and curtains to close off the cab – the full nine yards in fact. We have loved the bright green and colourful stripes that look lovely with the light-coloured curtains – five years on, people still step into her and exclaim how happy and

summery it feels. We agree. We still love the colours and the quality of the fabric and foam, all looking 98 per cent as good today as it was five years back. A couple of years later we went back to Starfish and had our front truck seats refurbished, all new foam, supports put in, new fabric and our logo on the head rests, just for a bit of personality.

Starfish Interiors are owned by Stephen Dunn and Steven Cherrie, who took over ownership back in 2015. Starfish have been in business since 2003, working specifically on the motorhome and caravan refurbishment business and supplying to some of New Zealand's biggest motorhome rental market manufacturers. Today they have earned a reputation in the market for supplying new seats, soft furnishings and refurbishment to the wider transport industry.

As part of their service they have consultants who work with you to choose fabrics, look at curtains and discuss your full requirements



1. Love the light blue and contrasting stripes with lines of green to add life, goes really well with the existing dark blue floor, bench and table, and light blue cupboards- so no more work to do there. The blinds are blackout as well and super happy with them
2. High five's all round with Olivia Orr, our consultant at Starfish Interiors
3. RocknRobyn interior back in 2014 when Starfish re-did the interior, love the green
4. These are our seats in RocknRobyn that starfish rebuilt

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and what you expect from your furnishings. Olivia Orr was a new person on the team back in 2015, so it was great to walk into the office to be greeted by Olivia and to work with her on our choices. Many RVers will likely recognise Olivia as she has worked many a Covi show

over the years.

It was high fives and 'Yay's all around as the cushions went in and the curtains went up – the change was just so magic really – our little Rosie has been transformed into a cool little lady, ready for another 600,000km. She went straight on the rental website in early January after we had enjoyed her ourselves for a few weeks, and currently she is rented out for a month to some mature French-Canadians who are cruising the South Island in her. She doesn't have signwriting as yet, but look out for her on the road in the future. **RV**

a few years back, they still look this good today and are comfortable as well

5. No new seats for Rosie - Yet - but these seat covers from Supercheap Auto certainly snatched her up to match the back area
6. Caspar checked out the luton with the old squabs and curtains, bit smelly in here he thought
7. New squabs for the luton, in a fabric made for the job. Curtains on the small windows, and a privacy curtain to close you off if that is how you like to sleep
8. Original squabs when we first purchased Rosie
9. Loving the new blinds, lights and seating - Rosie looks amazing

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