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Being tall is good for reaching stuff and intimidating small people. But the problem is it means there is a big transition from sitting to standing when riding your dirt bike. If this sounds like a problem you have, then maybe Roger Boyles at DR Trim can help you out...

The principals behind the tall seat are simple – if you are a big guy, a taller seat will lessen the transition from sitting to standing, fighting off fatigue for

longer periods of time. But back to where it all began, when I was riding Damien King's YZ-F450. He uses a tall seat on his bike and I liked how it preformed. A little digging discov-

ered that the guy responsible for the seat adjustment was Roger Boyles from Waikato Yamaha. Well, he was from Waikato Yamaha, because as of one month ago, he now runs

his own business from Morrinsville called DR Trim. Not 'Doctor Trim' like he is fast becoming known as, but 'D' for Denise and 'R' for Roger. Anywho, that's not too important,

but what is, is what he can do for your seat. He can make it higher, lower, wider, longer, slimmer, ribbed, probably even carve your name in there if you like. As a professional trimmer, Roger does everything from boats to cars, chairs to carpets, shades to dashboards. Just about anything that involves fabric of some kind – Roger can do it. A jack-of-all-trades, apart from being called Roger.

I arrived with my old, slightly ripped Honda seat and handed it over with pride. 'It's a bit heavy isn't it mate, did you get some water in it?' Roger asked. I didn't

know what he was talking about until he removed the cover, pulled the seat foam off and stuck it through the wringer. So much water came out of the seat foam – I was astounded! After a quick dry from of the specialised drying machine, it was time to make my seat tall. A rough sketch on some extra foam had the outline sorted and it was a simple case of gluing the new foam on top of the old stuff. He then proceeded to shape the seat back to a normal look but made it 25mm higher through the middle. Once he had decided it was pretty perfect, he put on a layer of sealing material before finishing it off with a bright

red gripper seat cover. All this was done in under three hours, with an hour dedicated to drying my soaked foam. "I once got just under 10litres out of a quad seat," Roger continued. "Seat foam is super absorbent and stores water easily."

Assuming he is not flat stick crazy busy, Roger says he should be able to get a seat back to you within a few days, heightened, stepped, bumped or lowered – it's up to you.

Both DKs rate his work, I love my new tall seat, and many others have already felt the difference and improvement. And for around \$135.00, it's one of the cheapest ways of tailoring your bike to your requirements.

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Not only does DR Trim do your seats, he can also make you up some mats for your team – much like this Waikato Yamaha one. They come in 3x4 metre mats and are made of durable vinyl with the brand logo printed on. And for you enduro riders out there, looking for somewhere to put their time card, he makes time card holders too. Give Roger Boyles a call on 07 889 6446 or email drtrim@xtra.co.nz to sort yourself out.

