

Course Description and Outline

Course Title	Upholstery		
Level of Course	All levels.	Course Code	A4947; B4536; B5103; C4564; C5104
Duration in Weeks	10		
Brief Description of Course	<p>This course is suitable for beginners and improvers. Beginners will learn the essential basics of the craft for example a drop in seat.</p> <p>To learn techniques used in modern and traditional upholstery, also soft furnishing techniques to a high standard competently and in a safe environment.</p> <p>You will learn how to do webbing stuffing and sewing box cushions. The tutor will give group demonstrations of techniques and use of tools and assist you through the process of designing and creating your individual project.</p> <p>The format of the upholstery course allows you to work on an individual project under the guidance and tuition of your tutor who will teach you a range of skills and techniques necessary to reach your goal and to allow you to work at your own level. The tutor will also do some whole-group teaching when there is an aspect of the work which is common to all; workshop health and safety, the use of machinery for example or a particular skill that everybody needs to know. You will learn about the different types of material and their uses, how to plan a project and draw a design, fixings, use of specialist tools, and finishes; waxes. Many students work on chairs and other small items of furniture.</p>		
Entry Requirements	None.		
Main Learning Outcomes for all Learners (Maximum of 5) By the end of the course you will be able to:			
1	Learn the safe and accurate use of different types of hand tools;		
2	Learn techniques of the craft and some basic woodwork skills;		
3	Develop the knowledge of and the ability to select different types of materials to suit requirements;		
4	Calculate cuts and quantities using the relevant measuring instruments;		
5	Upholster a small or medium piece of furniture and build on prior learning.		
Equipment Required What will I need to bring to class?	<p>Beginners need to bring a drop in seat or basic foot stool or a small headboard. Improvers and higher may bring in a small chair.</p> <p>Note pad and pen, folder. A sharp pair of scissors and 13 or 23 Rapid staple gun is essential and your own top fabric for your individual project.</p>		

What courses can I go on to?	<p>Another Soft Furnishing course.</p> <p>You may wish to enroll on other courses held at Idea Store Learning. Please see the course guide for further information or speak with your tutor.</p> <p>Your tutor will support you in researching these and other courses outside of Idea Store Learning.</p>
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What examination or assessment will there be and what will it involve?

- At the beginning of the course an initial assessment takes place to identify your level of experience knowledge or current skills.
- The tutor will carry out informal assessments to check your understanding, there is no exam.
- You will complete a self-assessment at the beginning, middle and end of the course and you will participate in regular self-assessment.
- Your tutor will let you know how you are getting on throughout the course, to help you work to your full potential.
- At the end of the course you will receive written feedback.

How will I know I am making progress?

You will have an 'Individual Learning Plan' where the course learning outcomes are shown and where you can set individual learning goals and monitor your own progress against these.

You will need to evaluate your own progress and manage your time.

Your tutor will give ongoing feedback and will keep you informed of your progress.

Is there anything else I need to know?

You will be asked to buy and bring in some of your personal hand tools needed.

To maximise your chances of benefiting from the course fully we expect you to attend **all** scheduled sessions and that you do so **punctually** and are ready to start learning at the start of the class.

What if I want extra support?

Come and see one of our experienced and friendly advisors. For further information, email ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk and a member of the team will get back to you.

This is a brief description of the course content and is not definitive or exhaustive. The course content may be subject to change without notice however the details above are intended to give a picture of the types of activities which may be included on the course.

Course outlines provide a general summary of the contents and material to be covered during lessons. They are subject to change at the discretion of teachers to meet the needs of learners and should not be regarded as prescriptive lists of activities to be covered.