

Course Description and Outline

Course Title	Upholstery Workshop		
Level of Course	Intermediate	Course Code	A5059, A5062, B5060, B5063, C5061, C5064
Duration in Weeks	10		
Brief Description of Course What will the course cover?	<p>The aim of the upholstery workshop is for you to further your work and raise your profile within the upholstery industry, either through producing work for exhibition or competition or for employment potential as self – employed upholsterers.</p> <p>You will develop your existing knowledge and skills through full access to a wide range of specialist upholstery equipment together with professional support from a member of staff.</p> <p>You must have the necessary ambition and drive to self-direct your own study and be active in raising your own profile within the upholstery industries. You will be expected to already know basic technical terms associated with upholstery.</p> <p>Everyone will be treated equally and every opinion counts. You will be encouraged to discuss materials, techniques, designs from your country or cultural background similar to the ones used in your classes.</p>		
Entry Requirements	<p>You must already have good upholstery skills and know how to use basic upholstery equipment.</p> <p>You must have completed at least 20 hours learning on one of our upholstery improvers or mixed levels courses, within the last three years or hold an equivalent level of knowledge and skills.</p>		
Main Learning Outcomes for all Learners (Maximum of 5) By the end of the course you will be able to:			
1	Observe all Health and Safety guidance offered by the tutor and use equipment safely. Use the personal protective equipment provided and keep the workshop tidy at all times.		
2	Understand fully the technical language used within the industry.		
3	Research and develop your own upholstery design including type and quantity of materials required.		
4	Produce a high quality standard professional piece of work that can be sold on.		
5	Work well within a team.		
Equipment Required What will I need to bring to class?	<p>A notebook or sketchbook, pen and pencil to take notes during demonstrations.</p> <p>You must please bring your own staple gun and staples that you can buy from Martins Upholstery Supplies and your own pair of sharp end scissors is required.</p>		

What courses can I go on to?	You may progress to a Soft Furnishings course where you can learn to make your own loose covers and box cushions. Other progression routes are: Woodwork, Interior Design, Art and Design and Window Display courses. You can also progress to other qualification college courses, and get a job in upholstery within the car or sofa industry.
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What examination or assessment will there be and what will it involve?
You will complete a self-assessment at the beginning, middle and end of the course. The tutor will carry out informal assessments to check your understanding but there is no exam. The tutor will continue with on-going assessments of your progress and achievement. Your tutor will let you know how you are getting on throughout the course. You will receive ongoing verbal feedback of your progress from your tutor to ensure you are working to your full potential. You will participate in regular self-assessment. 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 to monitor your own progress. You and your tutor will be able to monitor your progress by completing the self-assessment form and discussing your progress against the course learning outcomes and your Individual Learning Plan. Your tutor will give ongoing feedback. You will be monitored and kept informed throughout the course on your progress. You will also need to evaluate your own progress and manage your time. Please note it is important that you attend all the scheduled sessions punctually in order to maximise your chances of benefiting from the course.
Is there anything else I need to know?
Please note it is important that you attend ALL the scheduled sessions punctually. You should aim to arrive at class at least 5 minutes before the start so that you are ready to commence on time. Some basic materials are supplied but we do not supply large thick foam due to storage issues. You must supply your own preferred finished fabric and trimmings. Learners must complete and take away one item at a time because of limited storage space.
What if I want extra support? Contact the Learner Support & Advice Team
The Learner Support & Advice Team can support learners achieve their education and employment goals. Information, advice & guidance is given on a range of issues including, financial support and support available for learners who are disabled and learners with learning difficulties, Come and see one of experienced and friendly advisors who can help you make the next step. For further information, text IDEA and your name to 07950 080 341 or email ideastorelearning@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.