

Course Description and Outline

Course Title	Soft Furnishings for Upholstery		
Level of Course	All Levels	Course Code	
Duration in Weeks	10 weeks		
Brief Description of Course	<p>This course is an introduction to techniques of creating soft furnishings. You will practise the use of the sewing machine and other relevant tools. Depending on your skill level, you may also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the techniques used in modern and traditional upholstery, and soft furnishing techniques to a high standard competently and in a safe environment. • Learn how to insert a zip for cushions. • Make up box cushions for benches and chairs with piping. • Hand stitch hems. • Plan an activity pattern involving choosing the fabric, amount and décor style. • Lay and cut fabric and begin sewing. • Sew loose chair covers, bedding and pillow cases. <p>You will learn technical terms associated with the craft and you will have to read instructions and other handouts written in English and discuss them with the tutor and other learners. You will also have to measure and calculate quantities of fabrics, materials, etc. and adjust the quantities accordingly, based on the size of your project.</p> <p>Everyone will be treated equally and every opinion counts. You will be encouraged to discuss fabrics, materials, techniques and designs from your country or cultural background similar to the ones used in your classes. Students are encouraged to think about and identify their own expected individual outcomes.</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	Identify and use practical techniques for sewing an item of soft furnishing;		
2	Identify the materials required for sewing an item of soft furnishing.		
3	Identify tools and equipment required for making soft furnishings.		
4	Plan and calculate cuts for a craft activity; e.g. measuring a cushion or chair to calculate how much fabric is needed for your project.		
5	Cut and sew an item of soft furnishing whilst demonstrating good Health and Safety procedures for the activity.		

Equipment Required What will I need to bring to class?	A sharp pair of scissors, Tape measure, pins, note book, pen or pencil, eraser and your own fabrics and haberdashery.
What courses can I go on to?	Upholstery. You may wish to enroll on other courses held at Idea Store Learning. Please see a course guide for further information or speak with your tutor. Your tutor will support you in researching these and other courses outside of Idea Store Learning.

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.
- Please note on all examination courses, it is a requirement that you provide photographic proof of ID. This is for external awarding body and internal invigilation authentication purposes.

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?

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.