

COURSE OUTLINE

Title	Improve your Woodworking Skills	Code(s)	A4763
		Level	Intermediate

What will the course cover?

- This course is suitable for improvers and advanced.
- The tutor will give group demonstrations of special techniques and use of tools and assist you through the process of designing and creating your individual project.
- The format of the woodwork course allows you to work on an individual project under the guidance and tuition of your tutor.
- The course content may be negotiated with the tutor but may include;
- Veneering, staining, delicate and highly skilled restoration techniques, marquetry, wood carving.
- You are encouraged to make small but delicate items of fine craftsmanship.
- 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 are expected to assist in the maintenance and cleaning of the workshop as part of the course and as a 'good housekeeping' approach to health and safety for the benefit of all.
- Please note that workshop storage space is limited so please do not expect to make very large articles; storage space cannot be guaranteed.
- * You will not be allowed to use the heavy machinery until you have passed our 'Wood Machining Safety and Skills course' which is held over two consecutive Saturdays.

What knowledge and skills will I gain from the course?

- You will learn a range of highly skilled techniques for production or restoration as negotiated with your tutor and applicable to your project.
- You will also gain and share ideas with other students and pick up the combined knowledge.

Do I need any previous knowledge or skills?

- Yes, you are expected to have accumulated an appropriate level of experience and knowledge to join this course and evidence of working at a reasonable proficiency.

Will I need to buy anything for the course?

- Yes, you will be expected to buy materials for your project.
- According to the demands of your project you may need to buy special tools not available from the general equipment held in the workshop; your Tutor will advise.

What materials will I need to bring for my first lesson and during the course?

- Bring a notebook and drawing equipment.
- Wear clothes that will be practical in a workshop setting and as there are items of heavy equipment you should choose strong footwear.

Apart from the enrolment fee, is there anything else I will have to pay for?

No, but see above.

If there is an examination or assessment, what will it involve?

- You and your tutor will be able to monitor your progress by completing the self-assessment form and discussing your progress against your objectives and the course objectives.
- The tutor will check that you understand and are happy with what you are learning
- The tutor may wish to record your production process and finished work on camera or video for our records and publicity display. As a student you are encouraged to monitor and record your own learning and achievement.

Will I need to practice at home?

- No, but many students buy tools and materials and set up a home workshop, observing a safety regime.
- You are encouraged to design projects at home.

How will I know I am making progress?

- You will complete a self-assessment form at the start, in the middle, and at the end of your course ...
- The tutor will give you plenty of feedback as you work and discuss with you how to make the best of your project

When I have finished the course, how can I progress further?

- On completion, you will receive advice about what to do next from your tutor.
- You can also get advice from the tutor about courses at other colleges and universities.

How can I give my opinions about the course?

In general, we will not allow late entry to any course after the first two weeks. Short intensive courses and most workshops will not accept new learners after the first class. In all cases the full fee will be charged.

It is a good idea to put your knowledge into practice as soon as possible after the course so that you develop your skills and confidence. You can practise at home.

The tutor will distribute a survey form for your completion and your comments will feed back into the design of future courses.

Your tutor will welcome and value any feedback.

- If at any time you are not happy and would like to make a complaint, you can obtain a complaint form (3C1) at any reception in the Ideas Stores.