

COURSE OUTLINE

Title	Creativity In Wood	Code(s)	A4774
		Level	All Levels

What will the course cover?

- This course is suitable for people to study at all levels.
- The tutor will introduce wood as a medium for creativity, and show various techniques & inspiring examples from various creative fields.
- This course makes strong emphasis on gaining skills in the use of hand-tools, though from time to time cordless and powered tools will be available for use.
- There will be opportunities for experimentation with wood, using various techniques, mark making in wood, combination & finishing techniques etc. in order to come up with new & interesting outcomes.
- You will learn about the different types of wood and their use, how to plan a project and draw a design, use of specialist tools, use of power tools and floor standing machinery*and finishes; paints varnishes, waxes etc.
- The tutor will assist you through the process of designing and creating your individual projects, and suitable techniques will be used in order for you to reach your final design outcome and to allow you to work at your own level.
- Beginners will learn the essential basics of the craft, practising the use of tools to measured outcomes with practice wood.
- 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.
- The machining of large amounts of wood brought in for personal projects at home is not allowed!
- *If you are a beginner you will not be allowed to use the heavy machinery until you have gained sufficient experience of woodworking and are tested by the Tutor,

Do I need any previous knowledge or skills?

No, All beginners and improvers are welcome

What knowledge and skills will I gain from the course?

- You will be introduced to wood as a medium and experimental starting point in order to come up with personal designed projects.
- You will gain an understanding of safety procedures in the woodwork shop.
- You will learn a range of techniques and skills as you progress

- You will gain a good knowledge of the use of hand tools and some power tools, this may include some limited use of floor-standing machinery if you have sufficient experience and have passed the assessment but the emphasis in this course is to become competent in using the range of tools that you would normally be able to use at home.
- You will also gain and share ideas with other students and pick up the combined knowledge.

Will I need to buy anything for the course?

Not to start with; tools and practice wood will be, but you will have to buy materials for your project.

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

- As above. Bring a notebook and simple drawing equipment.
- You will be encouraged to & keep your eyes open for interesting wood work techniques, designs, & processes that you possibly would be interested to explore a bit further, and or techniques to share with fellow students. (scrap book format, photos, recordings, etc)
- Wear clothes that will be practical in a workshop setting and as there are items of heavy equipment you should choose strong footwear.

Are there any additional costs payable other than the enrolment fee?

Yes, (see above)-you will need to provide materials when you start your own projects

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 look around for interesting wood work techniques, designs, & keep a record of these.
- You are encouraged to design projects at home.

How will I be taught?

- 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.

How will I know I am making progress?

The tutor will give you plenty of feedback as you work and discuss with you how to make the best of your course.

On completing the course, how can I progress further?

- On completion, you will receive advice about what to do next from your tutor. If you are an improver you may discuss with your Tutor about joining the Improvers and Advanced course.
- You can also get advice from the tutor about courses at other colleges and universities.

How can I give my views on the course?

- The tutor will distribute a survey form for your completion and your comments will feed back into the design of future courses. The tutor will welcome your questions and comments at appropriate times as useful feedback while the class is in progress.