

JEREMY SMITH - FURNITURE DESIGNER/MAKER

Furniture Making Beginners' Course

This course runs for five days, Monday to Friday inclusive.

What is the aim of the course? To enable beginners, and those with a little more experience, to acquire sufficient knowledge and safe skills to be able to utilize a range of hand tools to make functional and beautiful items in wood.

What is the Cost of the Course? The cost of the course is £425, which includes timbers and all consumables, including abrasives, varnish, lacquer, oils and waxes etc, as well as tea, coffee and biscuits.

What will you do on this course? During five full days you will:

Learn about the function of a range of hand tools, and how to use them. They will include:

Chisels; bench planes; spokeshaves; saws; marking and cutting gauges; dovetail markers; measuring tools, including rules and vernier callipers; squares and mitre squares; cabinet scrapers; mallet and hammer; and clamps and holdfasts.

Learn how to sharpen edge tools, including chisels and plane blades, using different methods, and learn how to set up hand tools for best effect.

Learn how to plane timber to be flat and square, ready for marking out.

Learn how to mark out, cut, and assemble some essential and traditional furniture making joints, and also use some modern, proprietary, joint-making products/systems available to the woodworker.

Learn how to prepare for, and apply, a suitable finish (polish, lacquer, oil etc) for the two pieces you have created.

Apply the knowledge and skills you acquire during the course to produce two items: a simple planed cutting board/charcuterie board and either a tool rack or kitchen spice shelving unit. You will take these items away with you at the end of the course. In making the tool rack or shelving unit, you will work from drawings which will be supplied and which you can keep.

Why choose this course? It is suitable for absolute beginners, as well as those with a little more experience of working with wood. You will leave the Course with two completed projects and the confidence to work with a range of hand tools to create beautiful objects.

You will learn in a comfortable, spacious, and well-equipped workshop. The Workshop is set amongst a range of other studios in which talented artists and crafts people are working. You will be learning in an inspiring setting!

The courses will run with a maximum of three students. These small numbers will ensure that you will benefit from close supervision and guidance throughout the course.

All tools and materials will be provided. You are welcome to bring along any woodworking tools you may already own; I can advise on their sharpening, possible improvement and maintenance.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. For lunch, there are several cafes and takeaways within easy driving distance from the Workshop.

How do you apply for the Beginner's Course?

Select the course dates you prefer.

E-mail or telephone me to confirm that there is still space on the course. Contact me on:

dennersmithfurniture@outlook.com

or

07485 438648

or

via the Contact form on this website

You will then be asked to pay an advance of £125 which is to secure your place on the course and to cover cost of materials, including the timber for the two projects you will complete. The balance of £300 must be paid at the start of the course. This can be in cash, via bank transfer, or via a credit or debit card.

Jeremy Smith reserves the right to cancel the course in the event that he is prevented from running it, for example in the event of illness through Covid. In this event, he will give as much notice as possible to students. They will receive a full refund and he will try his best to run the course on other dates convenient to the student.

A student working on the Beginners' Course, and the tool rack project he completed:

