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Furniture Making Experienced Course – Make a Veneered Box - 5 Days

This course runs in two forms:

Five days, Monday to Friday inclusive; or

Three weekends (Sat/Sun; Sat/Sun; Sat)

What is the aim of the course?

To enable more experienced woodworkers to develop their skills by making an ornate box with veneered top and base.

What will you do on this course?

Following drawings, which will be supplied to you and which you can keep, make a box, either mitred or dovetailed jointed, with a veneered top and base, with a box liner in a contrasting timber, and with high quality brass stop hinges or 'Smart' hinges. Faster working students may wish to fit a box lock and escutcheon.

Cut mitres or dovetails to join the box sides, and if using mitred joints cut and fit mitre keys (splines) to strengthen the joint and for decorative effect.

Select and cut veneers for the box top and base, then fix them to the top and base substrate using a vacuum press.

Glue and clamp the box components, then cut and fit strings to the top along the glue line of top and sides to create a tidy and decorative effect.

Separate the box top from the base and clean up the exposed edges before cutting and fitting the box liner.

Cut and fit hinges and if required, and time permitting, cut and fit a box lock and escutcheon.

Sand and finish the box with an appropriate finish.

If time permits it, a fast working student may be able to go on to create a drop-in tray with partitions.

Why choose this course?

It is suitable for woodworkers with modest experience as well as those who are more advanced.

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

The first two courses of 2022 will run with only two students. Thereafter, Covid permitting, this will increase to three. These small numbers will ensure that you

will benefit from close supervision and guidance throughout the five days of the course.

All tools and materials will be provided. Each student will have their own individual tool kit to use during the course. You can also bring any of your own tools you wish to use during the course.

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

What is the Course Cost?

The cost of the course is £450 which includes timbers, veneers, high quality brass hinges, and all consumables, including varnish, lacquer, waxes etc. A student who chooses to fit a lock and escutcheon, time permitting, will have to pay an additional cost for the purchase of the necessary hardware (see below). Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be provided.

How do you apply for the Experienced – Make a Veneered Box - 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 £180 which is to secure your place on the course and to cover cost of materials, including the timber, veneers, and hinges for the box project you will complete. The balance of £270 must be paid at the start of the course. This can be in cash, via bank transfer, or via a credit or debit card.

A student who chooses to fit a box lock and escutcheon can buy the components from me during the course (indicative cost £40-£60). They will be of high quality brass.