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Furniture Making Beginners' Course – 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 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 £350 during 2022, which includes timbers and all consumables, including abrasives, varnish, lacquer, oils and waxes etc, as well as tea, coffee and biscuits. The cost of the course will increase to £425 from January 2023. The cost of timber and other materials has increased significantly during 2022, as has the cost of running woodworking machinery, and this has necessitated the increase.

What will you do on this course?

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 furniture making joints, and see a variety of joint-making products/systems available to the woodworker.

Apply the knowledge and skills you acquire during the course to produce two items: a simple planed cutting 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. When you leave the Course, you will have 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, 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 learning in an inspiring setting!

The first three courses of 2022 will run with only two students. Thereafter, Covid permitting, this may increase to three. These small numbers will ensure that you will benefit from close supervision and guidance throughout the course.

All tools and materials will be provided. Each student will have their own individual tool kit to use during the course. 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:

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> 07485 438648
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> 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 £225 (£300 in 2023) 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: