

Upholstery

Tutor: Jenny Jones

Dates: Friday 09/01/26 to 20/03/26 (excluding 20/02/26)

Times: 09:30 – 12:30

10 weeks

Course Information & Teaching Methods;

This is a workshop-type 10-week course, aimed at developing the skills required to strip down old upholstery in the correct sequence in order to create a new, well-structured seat appropriate to the design of the chosen item.

Beginners will work on a small item of furniture, e.g., a footstool, dining-chair seat or bedroom chair, which they will bring with them to class. These items will enable students to learn to recognise tools and equipment and to identify materials, applying webbing, hessian, fillings, scrim, calico, top cover and trimmings.

The more experienced will learn a variety of techniques involving all of the above plus springing, stitching, making an edge roll, scroll arms, and wing back on modern or traditional furniture.

Everyone works at their own pace on projects of their own choice which they will bring with them.

It is taught on a one-to-one basis between the student and tutor. When certain techniques are being taught, this may involve demonstrations or teaching in small groups.

Equipment;

The Arts & Crafts Centre has a heavy craft room with work benches and trestles suitable to this craft.

Please bring with you your chosen item of furniture, a small hammer, a pair of scissors, a camera (if available) and a note-book and pencil or pen.

Other tools and materials will be discussed during the first session.

An additional charge is applicable for materials used from the centre.

Additional Information;

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available in the kitchen area, for a small charge.

About the tutor;

Jenny taught upholstery at the Centre throughout 2005 – 2010 and we are extremely fortunate to have her back with us again now. She has a long history in teaching and specifically upholstery for over 20 years. Jenny has attained the City & Guilds qualification in upholstery, interior design and soft furnishings. We're very pleased to have her on board!

*Please adhere to the regulations concerning Personal Protective Equipment & Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) and how they apply to the course or accommodation and to any 'Safe System of Work' as advised by your tutor.
In addition to the Centre's legal responsibility, students also have the responsibility to take care of the Health and Safety of themselves and others.*