

Course Information Sheet

DIY Woodwork Projects



Course Summary: Transform your home with confidence! Learn essential woodworking skills in our 6-week hands-on course and build beautiful functional projects.

Course Description:

Have you ever dreamt of building your own furniture, crafting unique shelving, or creating stylish home décor? This comprehensive 6-week DIY Woodwork Projects course empowers you to turn those dreams into reality. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, you'll gain practical skills in using woodworking tools and techniques safely and effectively. Learn essential joinery methods, wood selection, finishing techniques, and create a variety of functional projects you'll be proud to display and use in your home. This course is the perfect starting point for anyone who wants to explore the world of woodworking and add a personal touch to their living space.

What will I learn?

The course is designed for a progressive learning experience over 6 weeks:

- **Weeks 1-2: Introduction to Woodworking & Safety** - Discover the fundamentals of woodworking, explore different wood types and their properties. Learn essential safety protocols for using power tools and hand tools effectively.
- **Weeks 3-4: Mastering Essential Techniques & Joinery** - Practice basic woodworking techniques like cutting, drilling, sanding, and applying finishes. Learn various joinery methods like butt joints, dowel joints, and dado joints to build strong and functional projects.
- **Weeks 5-6: Project Planning & Creation** - Develop your woodworking skills by planning and creating your chosen project. Receive guidance from instructors while using your newfound skills to build a beautiful and functional piece of furniture, shelving unit, or decorative item for your home.

How will I be assessed?

- **Formative assessment:** Active participation in class discussions, demonstrations of safe tool use, and ongoing feedback during project creation will provide learning opportunities.
- **Summative assessment:** Course completion may involve a practical skills demonstration and the final project showcasing your woodworking abilities and understanding of joinery techniques.

Who is this course for?

This course is ideal for beginners with no prior woodworking experience who are eager to learn and create. It's perfect for DIY enthusiasts who want to build their own furniture, craft unique home décor, or gain valuable woodworking skills for future projects.

Progression Opportunities:

This course is a springboard for further exploration of woodworking. Consider enrolling in more advanced woodworking workshops or online tutorials focusing on specific areas like furniture making, woodturning, or cabinetry. Explore accredited vocational programs in Carpentry or Furniture Making for a formal qualification.

Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:

- Carpenter
- Furniture Maker
- Cabinet Maker
- Woodworker (Production or Restoration)
- Set Builder (Film/Theatre)

How do I enrol?

If you are paying the full fee, the quickest way to enrol is online at www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk, simply create an account and select enrol now. Alternatively, you will need to speak to one of our customer service team on 01752 660713.

How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

