

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

WE6639 WOODTURNING – BOWLS WITH TEXTURE

Tutor: COLIN SIMPSON

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER – SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course will focus on developing skills for woodturning bowls and give you hands-on practical experience of various texturing techniques.

The versatility of the bowl gouge will be covered, together with sharpening techniques, the way wood likes to be cut, and the application of various texturing and colouring techniques. There will also be a discussion on good bowl design. If you have previous woodturning experience and have a particular project in mind, the tutor will be happy to accommodate it, providing time allows.

You will have exclusive use of a lathe and its accessories for the duration of the course, and work at your own pace. However, the tutor will demonstrate and explain techniques both formally and informally to the group and on an individual basis.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE

For those with little or no experience and for those who have taken a related course. Suited to those who would like a structured introduction to a subject, with further building of skills to work towards independent practise.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Colin Simpson is a professional woodturner and regularly writes articles on the subject for various woodworking magazines. His turned bowls have often been sold in The National Trust's shops and at our own Garden shop.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Friday 9 December

From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students
6.45pm	Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner
7.00pm	Dinner
8.00pm – 9.00pm	First teaching session – attendance is an essential part of the course. On the first evening students and the tutor will discuss the course content and give the students an opportunity to raise any aspect or special project they want to cover. The tutor will demonstrate the versatility of the bowl gouge.

Other days: Saturday 10 December

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue
5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner
8.00pm	Evening working: workshops are available until 10pm for those wishing to work on providing this has been discussed with the tutor. These sessions are untutored.

Departure day: Sunday 11 December

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.00pm	Classes finish
3.30pm	Tea then departure

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Whilst the college will provide a comprehensive set of tools, you are encouraged to bring your own, if you have them, so that the tutor can assist in correcting any problems you might have in sharpening or using them.

You are also encouraged to bring any past examples of your woodturning, if you have any. This will not only help the tutor to ascertain the skill level of the group, but will also help with discussion on design.

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

For any materials you need to purchase from the shop, we suggest you do so during the first morning of your course, after having discussed with your tutor.

Materials included in the course fee:

Timber provided for the course.

Available from the Shop:

Pencil, throw-away dust masks, abrasives in 80, 100, 150, 240 grits and polish

Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

Your own tools, especially bowl gouges and some examples of your own work

Sanding sealer, if you have any

Suitable clothing: overall or smock, plus sturdy covered shoes are essential

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Students may work unsupervised on agreed projects once they have satisfied the tutor as to their competence. There may be restrictions on the equipment available to students in the tutor's absence. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.