

## SHORT COURSE DETAILS

WE6675 BASIC WOODWORKING SKILLS – STEP-UP STOOL PROJECT

Tutor: MARK CASS

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 13 JANUARY – SUNDAY 15 JANUARY

### ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course is aimed at the novice and will introduce the student to the pleasures and practicalities of simple woodworking. Constructing the step-up stool will build confidence in the learner's own abilities as well as teach them how to use hand tools and power tools safely and effectively. The emphasis is on learning and developing a wide range of new skills that can be retained forever; the stool itself is almost incidental.

On **Friday** evening's session the tutor will give a brief outline of the stool project and the stages involved. All students will then begin work on a practical warm up task involving marking, cutting and fixing. At the end of the session the tutor will hand out working drawings of the weekend's project so that you can familiarise yourself with it at your leisure.

**Saturday** will see students issued with timber materials and advice on measurement and marking-out prior to cutting out the stool components required. Different jointing methods will be discussed and an appropriate one will be agreed upon with each learner. Full support will be given and ongoing demonstrations and practical help will be available for all. The target will be for all learners to have glued up the 3 parts of the stool base by day's end.

The stool top or seat starts our working **Sunday**; this will be marked out, a hand-hole formed, then the top will be fitted to the base. Various finishes will be looked at; the final job will be cleaned up and a suitable finish applied.



### LEVEL: BEGINNERS

Starting points. For those with little or no experience who want to go back to basics and would like a structured introduction to a subject. If you are looking to develop new skills or who just want to reacquaint yourself with some basic woodworking tools and techniques in a supervised environment this course is ideal.

### ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Mark Cass is a self-employed professional woodworker of nearly 30 years standing. He also teaches carpentry and joinery at his local technical college, and is the newly appointed editor of *The Woodworker* magazine.

## TIMETABLE:

### Arrival day: Friday 13 January

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 – <b>attendance is an essential part of the course.</b>

### Other days: Saturday 14 January

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. Any students who are some way from finishing will be encouraged to return for the evening session and it is hoped that everyone will be at an advanced stage by the end of the day.

### Departure day: Sunday 15 January

(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

## 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:

The course fee includes materials and timber supplied for the project.

### Please bring:

Pencil (H or 2H is recommended)	Eraser
Tape measure	Apron or similar
Note book	Stout covered footwear for workshop use

**Tools are provided**, but if you have any of the following items please feel free to bring them:

Combination square	Pincers
Sliding bevel	Nail punch
Marking gauge	One or two bevel edged chisels
Tenon saw	Pozidrive screwdriver
Jack or smoothing plane	Cork sanding block
Block plane	Oil or diamond sharpening stone
Hammer	Mallet

## 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.