WEST DEAN COLLEGE

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SLW07508 MAKE SIMPLE FURNITURE – FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS

Tutor: TOM KEALY

Dates: LONG WEEKEND FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER – MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

If you would like to make simple furniture but have no previous woodworking experience, this course will help you to learn some fundamental woodworking techniques using tools provided by the College as you make a small bench from solid timber.

You will be introduced to the use of hand planes, chisels, and other essential tools required to make the bench, which the tutor has designed so that you can learn, step-by-step, all the necessary construction processes.

Enjoy a combination of tutor led demonstrations and practical work, as you gain an understanding of how to use the tools you have been introduced to, and the techniques needed to make the bench.

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.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Tom Kealy studied at Parnham College. He makes commissioned furniture to his own designs and for other eminent designers, as well as teaching in the UK and USA.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Friday 8 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.** The tutor will discuss the bench design and stages involved in its construction. You will also prepare the tools you will be using.

Other days: Saturday 9 and Sunday 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: you may use the workshop at the tutor's discretion after dinner until 10pm. Intended work must be discussed with the tutor in advance, as these sessions are often untutored.

Departure day: Monday 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

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.

Available from the tutor (an additional charge):

On this course the tutor will supply timber for the project; the approximate cost of this is £60 per person. This charge must be paid to the tutor before the end of the course, by cash or cheque.

Please bring the following:

Glasses, if you need them
An HB or B pencil
Comfortable covered shoes (not sandals) – you will be on your feet for most of the day

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.