

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

S5D07724 FURNITURE MAKING FOR BEGINNERS – A SIDE TABLE

Tutor: TOM KEALY

Dates: 5 DAYS SUNDAY 18 MARCH – FRIDAY 23 MARCH

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course is designed for those with little or no experience of fine woodworking or cabinet making, who would like to explore working with hardwood timber and to acquire the skills which could lead on to making your own furniture designs. During this course, through demonstrations and practical work, you will make a small side table – a project designed to take you step by step, through all the various processes necessary to produce a table.

The primary focus is on working with traditional cabinetmakers hand tools, to a high degree of proficiency and accuracy, which are sustainable in a non-commercial or home workshop.

Some of the topics discussed include understanding the wood grain and how to make the best use of it, the use of a hand plane, the setting out and cutting of mortise and tenons and oil finishing.

At each stage the tools required, and how they should be used, will be covered. You will learn the basic principles behind sharpening and maintaining the tools used. If you want to buy your own tools in the future, the course is also an ideal opportunity to learn about the various factors to consider when purchasing tools.

Tools will be provided by the college, however if you have your own tools do bring these with you.

Teaching will be by way of tutor led demonstrations and practical work.

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: Sunday 18 March

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. During the first evening session we will look at the table design and discuss the stages involved in its construction, and you will be introduced to the tools that you will be using.

Other days: Monday 19 to Thursday 22 March

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch

Other days continued: Monday 19 to Thursday 22 March

2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue
5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner
8.00pm	Evening working: the workshop is available until 10pm for those wishing to continue with their project, untutored. However, work must be agreed with the tutor in advance.

Departure day: Friday 23 March

(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:

Some sundry materials supplied for the workshop are included in the course fee.

Additional charge:

On this course the tutor will supply timber for the project. This charge will be approximately £65 and should be paid to the **tutor** before the end of the course, by cash or cheque.

Available from the Shop:

The shop stocks some of the additional materials required for this course.

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

HB Pencils

Reading glasses, if worn

Covered comfortable shoes

Any tools you already own which you think may be useful to bring, including planes and chisels if you have any

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.