

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SLW08510: INTRODUCING WOODTURNING – BOWLS, SPINDLES AND BOXES

Tutor: DAVE REGISTER

Dates: LONG WEEKEND FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY – MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course is designed for the beginner and those who have been woodturning on their own and feel that some sympathetic help from a considerate tutor can save them a lot of wasted effort!

You will be allocated your own lathe, instructed in its safe use and all the accessories, given a list and diagram of the parts of the lathe and the tools. The method of teaching will be by explanation, demonstration and practice. The tutor is very happy to repeat these as often as you need and will encourage you to ask questions.

The bowl gouge and scraper will be introduced in sequence as they are needed to produce a simple bowl, the tutor will explain how and why they work. You will be shown each stage of the process and then put this into practice at your own pace, with as much supervision as needed.

Next you are introduced to the spindle roughing gouge, the parting tool, the skew chisel and the detailing spindle gouge. There will be time to practise the techniques needed to make the basic components of all spindles (coves and beads) and then make a project such as a mallet.

Following this you will learn how to hollow into end grain and make a small bowl using this technique, those who attain sufficient skill within the time available, can make a lidded box.

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:

Dave Register began turning as a full-time professional in 1974. He supplies his work to kitchenware shops and galleries. He teaches and writes on his craft and demonstrates worldwide.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Friday 8 February

From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students
5.30pm	Workshops available for dropping off equipment and materials
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.

Other days: Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 February

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea

Other days continued: Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 February

4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue
5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner
8.00pm	Evening working: although the workshop is available into the evening until 10pm, you need to discuss and agree using the lathes at this time with the tutor.

Departure day: Monday 11 February

(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, please vacate workshop by 3.30pm
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:

Timber supplied for set projects and some abrasives are included in the course fee. Additional timber may be purchased for individual projects if required.

Available from the Shop:

Pencil
A selection of timber blanks (cost around £8.50 each)
Finishing oil
80, 100, 150, 180, 240, 320 grit, cloth backed abrasive

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

Overall, boiler suit or smock (to protect your clothes against wood dust and shavings. It should be close fitting round the neck, no loose ties etc.)

Covered, sturdy but comfortable footwear (sandals are not permitted in the workshop)

Woodturning tools (marked with your name) if you have any

Wood for turning, if you wish (seasoned English hardwoods such as Ash, Sycamore, Beech for bowls i.e. 50-100mm thick 150-250mm diameter. For spindles: 50mm x 50mm x 200mm or longer, 75/100mm x 75/100mm x 225mm, 50mm x 50mm x 150mm or branches of hardwood of same dimensions).

Thin super glue

Your favourite finishing product

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.