



CREATIVE UPHOLSTERY: LOOSE COVERS

An 11 WEEK PART-TIME COURSE

One day a week 9.30am to 4.45pm



Traditional Upholstery School, Wiltshire, is thrilled to launch its latest upholstery course. Creative Upholstery: Loose Covers will focus on the use of modern upholstery and sewing techniques to make beautiful bespoke upholstered pieces.

Sewing skills, pattern cutting and making fitted loose covers will be taught on this practical workroom-based course. It is designed to suit both upholstery

beginners looking to acquire skills to make beautiful pieces for their home, and to broaden existing skills of upholsterers and soft furnishers.

Students will make three main projects to take home, plus a range of useful sewing samples. On completion students will be able to produce a wide range of creative and bespoke pieces.

Creative Upholstery: Loose Covers is unique to Traditional Upholstery School. It has been carefully developed by our tutors to create a high quality accessible structured course packed with great projects that offer a huge range of transferable skills. It is suitable for complete beginners, sewers and upholstery hobbyists who wish to develop their skills further.

Course content

Students progress through a selection of projects designed to teach core skills thoroughly and consolidate learning, so building confidence to work on a broad range of creative and bespoke pieces.

PROJECT ONE Cushions and creative edges



The sewing journey starts here. You will earn the core skills of sewing for upholstery.

Students will start at the beginning, with a set of samples of decorative sewn edges: piped, ruched, pleated and scalloped.

Students then choose one of these edges to show off when making a scatter cushion with lapped zip.

PROJECT TWO Footstool with box cushion and loose cover



Students bring in a footstool of their own. Ideally it will be rectangular or square and ready for a new cover.

You will exercise your new sewing skills to make a fitted loose cover which can be plain, shaped or have a pleated or ruffled skirt. There's lots of opportunity here for creativity and original ideas. Students will choose their own top fabric. This project may also include a box cushion. Alternatively the box cushion can be made for the newt project on the course, the fireside chair.

PROJECT THREE Loose cover for occasional chair



Time to show off your new skills and make a fabulous loose cover for an upholstered chair. Start with a mood board to explore your ideas and end up with a fabulous bespoke piece of furniture for your home.

Students will be given guidelines on choosing an appropriate chair frame to work on. Due to the length of the course students will be required to choose an upholstered chair with no arms.

MASTERCLASS Loose cover for an armchair – a masterclass demonstration



With so many skills under your belt, making a loose cover for an armchair or sofa is the next step. Due to the practical nature of this level of learning (they are massive!) students will receive a masterclass in how this is done through a demonstration in the workroom supported by hands-on work using on a practice chair.

Further non practical theory and professional learning

In addition to the practical projects on which the course is based, students will do supporting research to further develop their learning. This will include:

- Cutting plans and fabric calculations
- Fire Regulations for upholstery

Course times

Latest course dates are in the TUS website. Teaching times are from 9.30am to 4.45 pm. Students may arrive in the workroom to set up from 9.10am and should leave by 5pm after tidying.

Course fee

£1,100. This fee is payable when booking online. Our website gives students the opportunity to spread the cost over three months for no additional charge. Alternatively you can book by emailing us. We will invoice you for the initial deposit and arrange the balance to be paid by direct debit over the next three months.

Cost of sundries supplied by TUS such as cushion pads, calico and furniture frames will be charged for on an as-you-use-it basis.

Traditional Upholstery school

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Phone number: Traditional Upholstery School is a very small business and so our main contact number is Joanna's mobile: 07505 651030. Please note that as she is teaching much of the day, it's best to text first if you'd like to chat, so that she knows you are trying to get in touch. With thanks.

Parking

Our workroom is part of a rural business estate, so you'll find there's plenty of parking.

When you drive in through the main gate, park on the left, along the wall in the visitor parking section (not the reserved section). The entrance to the school is halfway along the large wooden barn-like building.

Directions

From Holt on the B3107 towards Melksham

After Holt, take the first left into East Lane immediately after Hillview Riding Stables, signposted 'Atworth' and 'Broughton Gifford'.

Holt Holdings is about 200 metres along on the left. You'll see a convex mirror in the hedge opposite the turning.

Still have questions? Get in touch...

Email us at traditionalupholsteryschool@gmail.com or text/call 07505 651030

Looking forward to seeing you!

Joanna Hepinstall