



UPHOLSTERY TASTER DAY

A one-day workshop

09:30 to 17:00

Next available course dates are listed on the website



These fun, friendly and industrious one-day workshops are ideal if you're thinking of taking up upholstery as a hobby or even a career and would like to find out what it's all about. You'll have time and space in a professional upholstery workroom, with expert guidance to help you get stuck in and take home a finished project. With a maximum of five students per class (or 9 with two tutors) no-one will be kept waiting. Tea, coffee and cake will be served too. This is a treat of a day and an excellent introduction to the craft of upholstery.

What is provided?

- All upholstery materials and sundries are available for use, and charged on an as-you-use-it basis
- Specialist upholstery tools for use on the course. Of course, if you have your own tools that you are comfortable with, feel free to bring them
- Tea, coffee, cold drinks and snacks are provided throughout the day.

What to bring?

Your project

Bring a small project such as a drop-in seat chair or stool, or a piano stool. These are ideal as first projects. They involve many of the core upholstery skills and are possible to take home finished in just one day.

To save valuable time, your piece of furniture **MUST** be stripped of its original stuffings, which should be brought with you as reference (they may be quite dirty and dusty so put them in a bin liner). The frame should be robust and in good repair and not wobbly, so you can crack on straight away. If you have a project in mind and would like some advice, do email us a photo.



Your fabric

You will need to bring your own top fabric to cover your piece of furniture with, should you plan to get that far. This should be an appropriate upholstery weight fabric.

And don't forget:

- Camera or smartphone (to capture the best bits...)
- A notebook and pencil (...to write down the important bits)
- Consider comfy clothes and sturdy shoes. It's a big, airy, spacious workroom with a concrete floor in a breezy rural site. We have strong heating but some people still find it chilly on a cold day – so please pack extra layers and a scarf just in case you need it. We promise no-one will laugh if you work in a woolly hat.
- Something for lunch.
There's a microwave, sink and kettle in the kitchen area and the village shop is a three-minute drive away. There's usually a 'lunch dash' for those who need something.
Many students however are keen to crack on with their projects so take a short-ish lunch break in the workroom.
- Take as many or as few breaks as you want. We want you to achieve what you want but it's meant to be relaxed, informal and fun too.

Timetable

We need some undisturbed time to set up the class first thing. Then you are welcome to arrive from 9.10am onwards. Classes officially begin at 9.30am and finish at 5pm.

Health and safety

As with all soft furniture and upholstery crafts, there are some small risks due to the processes and tools involved.

There will be a short health and safety talk at the start, covering things like working safely with long sharp needles, and keeping your fingers safe when using a ripping chisel.

Parking

The course is held at the workshops of the Traditional Upholstery School in Wiltshire. The address is Holt Holdings, East Lane, Holt, Wiltshire, BA14 6QU.

If you are a long-standing student please note we have moved from the Old Glove Factory in Holt. The School is now part of a rural business estate so there's plenty of parking.



When you drive in, park on the left, just outside the wooden gates. The school is inside the gates. The entrance is halfway along the large wooden barn-like building with a plant pot outside.

You are welcome to drop your heavy bags, equipment or furniture right at the door. Drive through the metal gate to the right of the main building. Our doorway is halfway along (there's always a plant pot outside). Please keep on the left of this narrow stretch because other businesses use it for access and may need to get past. When you've dropped your stuff you need to reverse back to the parking area.

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.

From Melksham on the B3107 towards Holt and Bradford on Avon

About two miles along this winding road you left. Immediately after, take a sharp right turning into East Lane, which is signposted 'Atworth' and 'Broughton Gifford'.

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

Booking

Places on these courses are limited in order to maximise experience. Course dates and availability can be found on the [website](#) and you can book your place there too.

Any other queries?

If you have any requests, questions or concerns, please get in touch. Email traditionalupholsteryschool@gmail.com.

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