



UPHOLSTERY TASTER DAY

DROP-IN SEAT CHAIR

One day workshop 9.30am to 5pm



This friendly and industrious one-day workshop is designed to introduce students to traditional upholstery skills while reupholstering an antique or vintage chair which they can take home at the end of the day.

Students will be given an antique or vintage drop-in seat style chair. The task is to build up the seat pad using traditional materials such as hair, hessian and calico, finishing it with their own top fabric.

As all the chairs we source are antique, we cannot guarantee a particular style, however they mostly tend to be from the Edwardian period. They can be polished to a high sheen, painted, waxed or even gilded when you get home. They make pretty and useful chairs for bedrooms, bathrooms.. wherever you please.

What happens on the day

We start the day with a coffee and chat and then the work begins: webbing up the chair, setting on the platform hessian and then applying loose hair and fibre to create the stuffing. Once the hair is beautifully teased, the calico is set on and tensioned to create a beautiful shape. Students will finish their chair seat with their own choice of top fabric. During the day students will learn to use a variety of traditional tools, including a magnetic hammer,

regulator and web stretcher. They work with hair, hessian, calico and linen twine – all things that have been in the upholsterer's repertoire for decades. The class will have a maximum of nine students with two tutors, an excellent student-tutor ratio ensuring that everyone receives plenty of support. Everyone will go home with a beautifully upholstered chair, which can be polished, painted or even gilded once you get home.

What is provided

- A vintage or antique drop-in seat chair, and all upholstery sundries required.
- Hand tools for use on the day.
- Tea, coffee and a full biscuit tin.

What to bring

- You will need to bring your own **top fabric** to cover your seat pad with. 1m of upholstery weight fabric will be more than sufficient. Avoid anything too bulky, such as chenille, velvet or a faux leather. If in doubt, bring a choice and our tutors will be happy to advise you.
- Bring a **packed lunch**, or you can pop five mins up the road to the village shop. We have a small fridge, microwave and kettle.

How to get here

We are based in rural workrooms about three miles from Bradford on Avon in Wiltshire. Our address is:

Traditional Upholstery School, Unit 2, Holt Holdings Business Park, East Lane,
Holt, Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 6QU

East Lane is a very small lane just off the B3107 between Melksham and Holt. The signpost is to Broughton Gifford. We are about 300 yards along the lane on the left. Drive through the main gate and park on the left against the wall. As other businesses use the site please try not to block any gateways.

Get in touch

If you get lost do call on 07505 651030 and we'll try to direct you safely.
See you soon!

