



MODERN UPHOLSTERY COURSE

An 11-WEEK YEAR PART-TIME COURSE



Traditional Upholstery School, Wiltshire, is thrilled to launch its latest upholstery course. The Modern Upholstery Foundation Course will focus on the use of modern upholstery materials and methods. It is suitable for beginners, upholstery hobbyists, sewers and soft furnishers who wish to develop their skills further and learn to make beautiful bespoke pieces for their home.

On this practical workroom-based course students will learn the core skills of modern upholstery, how to plan and set on fabrics, cut and measure, tension and make accurate cuts and folds. Students will upholster three main projects: a pouffe; a choice of headboard or footstool; and an occasional chair - plus a

range of useful sewing and upholstery samples. On completion students will be able to produce a wide range of creative and bespoke upholstered pieces.

The Modern Upholstery Foundation Course 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.

Course content

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

PROJECT ONE Upholstered pouffe



The pouffe is back! And what better way to start your upholstery journey. You will earn the core skills of upholstery using modern tools and materials. Planning

and measuring, pattern matching, cutting and using foam, setting on and tensioning calico, and creative use of fabric and trimmings. Accuracy will be key.

Pouffe frames: A choice of box frames suitable for the course will be made available.

PROJECT TWO Creative upholstery techniques – headboards and footstools



Explore the creative possibilities of modern upholstery. Learn fluting, shallow buttoning, pleated and ruched borders, and navigating tricky shapes. This project will help you fine tune your skills, learn to work with speed, and open your world to endless creative possibilities. Students make three sample-sized boards. They can then go on and make either a full-sized headboard or a footstool to their own design.

PROJECT THREE Slipper chair or cocktail chair with upholstered seat and back.



Build on your upholstery skills. For this grand finale project you will build up the seat and back of your chair, including getting to grips with springs, using pre-formed edge rolls, firm and soft foams, waddings and calico. Students will work on a chair frame sourced by TUS, or one that is provided by students as long as it fits the course schedule.

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:

- Creative planning and mood boards
- Cutting plans and fabric calculations
- Fire Regulations for upholstery

Course times

This 11-week course will run across the usual school term times every Friday. Teaching times are from 9.30am to 4.45 pm. Students may arrive to set up from 9.10am and should have left the room ship shape by 5pm.

Course fee

£950 including VAT. This fee is payable when booking online. There is an option to pay over three successive 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.

To make this curriculum-based course possible, students are given a choice of suitable frames. There is a separate information sheet available detailing course project requirements and likely costs.

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

Traditional Upholstery School 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 area (not reserved parking). The school is inside the gates. The entrance 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!

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