

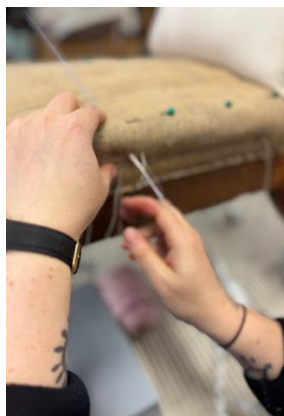


TRADITIONAL HAND SPRUNG CHAIR

A 12-WEEK ADVANCED COURSE IN TRADITIONAL UPHOLSTERY

Sept 17th 2026 – December 17th 2026

Every Thursday for 12 weeks with a half term break. 9.30am to 4.45pm



Traditional Upholstery School has designed this course to provide students with the next step up on their traditional upholstery journey. Each student will work on a beautiful chair frame and will build a fully sprung seat and stitched and stuffed shaped back using traditional methods and materials. The chair* is designed by us – and is based on a beautiful original – made in solid beech by our frame-maker in the UK.

This course is unique to Traditional Upholstery School and will suit students who have started their upholstery learning journey, perhaps having completed our Foundation Course, Stage One of the AMUSF diploma or tackled the basics of traditional upholstery on a hobby course.

*The chair frame is the top centre photo. We'll have more images to follow once we have taken delivery.

COURSE CONTENT

This course is a practical workroom-based course with all students working on the same chair. This allows us to teach skills and techniques to a high standard and ensures that everyone finishes their chair by the end of the course. As naturally everyone works at different speeds, it is likely that some students will have some finishing to do at home between sessions.

Skills include: webbing; hand lashing springs, building up a seat pad using edge stitches; learning shape and a good line; tensioning calico and fitting top fabric. Students may opt to include deep buttoning detail on their chair back.

As well as practical upholstery skills, students will learn chair planning, how to present simple sketches, create a project time plan and cost their project.

Other skills include:

- Health & safety: when working with tools and equipment in a workshop environment
- Appropriate use and care of tools and equipment
- Appropriate care handling of materials in a professional workroom
- Understanding fire safety regulations for furniture.

On successful completion of this one course, students will be able to apply technical knowledge and skills to complex pieces of traditionally upholstered furniture.

WHAT IS PROVIDED

This course includes the chair frame and all the upholstery sundries used. Top fabrics and trimmings are supplied by the student. Hand tools are also provided for use on the day, although students are welcome to bring their own.

HOW TO ENROL

Students can enrol online at www.traditionalupholsteryschool.co.uk

If you'd rather book directly do email us at traditionalupholsteryschool@gmail.com and we will answer all your questions and send you course details and an invoice for the deposit payment. At this point we will also arrange a payment plan with you to spread the fees over the next few months by standing order.

Payment of the deposit guarantees your place on the course. It is non-refundable. Do read the booking terms on the website.

COURSE FEES

The full cost of the course is £1,100. This can be paid as a deposit of £300 with the balance paid over three months. We find that this helps our students spread the cost of the course more easily.

We will invoice and send you receipts for all payments. Please see our website for further details on booking terms.

On the first day you will be asked to fill in a contact form giving your phone, mobile and email details so that we can contact you in an emergency. This information will be kept private and not be shared with anyone.

SUGGESTED READING

Upholstery A Complete Course, by David James

Upholstery Restoration by David James

The Upholsterer's Handbook: A Practical Reference by Alex Law

COURSE KIT

You will need:

Sewing kit including: sharp fabric scissors; sturdy craft scissors (for card, etc); bead headed pins; hand sewing needles; tape measure.

Workbench kit: 6b pencil; sharpie pen; 30cm metal ruler; notebook

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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