



MAKE YOUR OWN BESPOKE FOOTSTOOL

A two-day workshop

9:30am to 5pm

Next available workshop dates are listed on the website



We think an elegant ottoman is almost as important as the sofa when it comes to living room style and comfort. You can use it to add a splash of pattern and colour to your room scheme, you can sit on it, lie on it, put a tray of tea on it, cover it with books and magazines... and you can even put your feet on it.



On this busy, fun course you will be able to make your own ottoman footstool, cover it in your choice of fabric and fit it with a superb choice of wooden legs.

It's creative, great fun and there's a huge sense of achievement and pride when you finish the course and take home your own beautiful, useful and completely unique piece of furniture.

The course

Starting with an elegant handmade wooden frame provided by us, we'll show you how to build up the pad, easing and fitting the calico into place. You can give your stool a piped on-the-edge border or an under-the-edge border (these lovely upholstery terms will all be explained..).

The course is great fun and it's very rewarding. You'll learn useful upholstery techniques including how to create a perfectly smooth edge, how to position and fit patterned and plain fabrics and how to make your own fabric buttons using our button press.

This lively and ambitious course is always fuelled with plenty of tea, coffee, homemade cake and great company.





Footstool frames and leg choices

You will be provided with

- A wooden footstool frame.
- All the foam and calico you will need
- A set of legs from our broad choice of quality wooden leg styles
- Specialist upholstery tools for use on the course
- Tea, coffee and a full biscuit tin are available throughout the day.

Please note that the styles of leg vary widely and some will incur an additional charge.

Footstool frames and leg choices

Footstool frame sizes are: 1m x 60cm
1m x 40cm
50cm x 50cm

Leg choices:

We have a range of leg styles available. When you book on the course we'll send you a brochure of options, so that we can order exactly what you need in good time.



What to bring?

Before the course you have the enjoyable task of choosing the fabric for covering your footstool. Fabrics vary enormously and choosing is part of the fun. Your fabric should be upholstery grade.

For the 1m x 60cm frame, you will need 1.5m of fabric at the usual width of 137cm.

For the 1m x 40cm and the 50cm x 50cm frames you will need just 1m of fabric.

Please note that these calculations do not take into account a very large pattern repeat. If you aren't sure, please do email us your fabric choice and we'll help you calculate how much to bring.

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. In winter we have strong heating but some people still find it chilly on a cold day – so please pack extra layers. 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. You are welcome to arrive from 9.10am onwards. Classes begin at 9.30am and end 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.

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 traditionalupholsterschool@gmail.com.

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