

COURSE DETAILS – 5 DAYS FD 372

COURSE TITLE: REPAIRING AND CARING FOR FURNITURE, USING TRADITIONAL METHODS

NAME OF TUTOR: ROGER PASSMORE

LEVEL OF ABILITY: A/B/C

GENERAL CONTENT OF COURSE:

The course is suitable for anyone with an interest in renovating and caring for their own furniture. Although this includes beginners to the subject, a familiarity with using tools and a practical aptitude are essential if repairs are to be undertaken. Students work on their own pieces of furniture carrying out minor repairs, correcting any surface blemishes and refinishing as appropriate. Beginners may tackle some minor repair tasks, at the discretion of the tutor.

The course is arranged to meet the individual student's needs, as a high proportion of the time is devoted to one-to-one instruction. Throughout the course there will be demonstrations and discussions on many aspects of repairing and refinishing.

Suitable pieces of furniture for students to bring to work upon could include:

- any item of traditional wood furniture requiring minor repair and/or refinishing
- chairs requiring their joints to be repaired and re-glued
- stripped pine requiring re-finishing
- tables with marked and stained tops
- work boxes and writing slopes requiring repairs and refinishing, etc.
- any item requiring veneer or simple marquetry repair (for more experienced students)
- it is recommended to bring more than one item in order to select suitable projects.

If students are in doubt regarding suitable work pieces, equipment or materials, please write to the tutor c/o West Dean College. *Please note that all work done on items of furniture on this course is done at the student's own risk.*

**Health and Safety:** The tutor will instruct students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Students may work unsupervised on agreed projects once they have satisfied the tutor as to their competence. There may be restrictions on the equipment available to students in the tutor's absence. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ON PRACTICAL COURSES YOU MAY WELL NEED TO PURCHASE MATERIALS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE TO COMPLETE PROJECTS

**Please bring the following:**

An apron and rubber gloves	Suitable pieces of furniture upon which to work, plus
An old blanket to protect work pieces	any special fitments (see note overleaf)*
Special fitments and veneers (see below)	A selection of jam jars
Old cotton rags	

The College Workshop is well-equipped, but students are encouraged to bring their own tools. Please make sure they are clearly marked with your name and **sharpened ready for use.**

**\*Note:** The College runs a well-stocked Shop from which students can purchase basic refinishing materials. Any special fitments, such as casters, brass handles, hinges, matching timber and veneers, must be obtained independently before coming. Masks and goggles are supplied by the College for the use of students according to COSHH regulations.

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## TIMETABLE FOR REPAIRING AND CARING FOR FURNITURE USING TRADITIONAL METHODS

Sunday:	5pm onwards	Arrival. Registration and room allocation. Please bring furniture workpieces to main workshop
	7.00pm	Dinner and meeting your tutor
	8.15pm	Course Introduction in main workshops Assessment of furniture pieces Identification of items and problems
	9.30pm	Finish
Monday:		Continued inspection of work pieces and make work plans
	Structural repairs:	Dismantling and use of steamer Animal glue and clamping Tools, use and sharpening
Tuesday:	Decorative repairs:	Mouldings, scratch stock Veneer defects, marquetry, stringing, carving, etc. Cabinet scraper, use and sharpening
Wednesday:	Surface preparation:	Patination, cleaning and reviving Stripping Staining and ageing of timbers
Thursday:	Refinishing:	Traditional finishes Filling of small holes and cracks Colouring patches and repairs
Friday:	Refinishing (cont'd):	Wax polishing Ongoing care Supplies and suppliers
	3pm	END OF COURSE. Workshop to be cleared by 3.30pm

The College Shop is open 8.45am – 4.15pm on Mondays & Saturdays and 9am – 4.30pm on other days. Times of closure for meal breaks are listed on the Shop door.

### COURSE TIMETABLE (unless otherwise stated above or agreed with the tutor during the course)

Course timetable for 2–9 day courses – each course starts with a welcome session on the first evening of the start date of the course and is followed by 2–9 days depending on the length of the course.

<b>Arrival Day</b>	From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students. Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15–9.15	First teaching session.
<b>Daily Timetable</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Morning classes.</b>
	10.30	Coffee.
	12.30pm	Lunch.
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon classes.</b>
	3.30	Tea.
	5.00	Classes finish.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15	Evening working – students may have evening access to certain workshops in the absence of their tutor, but only with their tutor's permission and provided it is safe to do so.
<b>Departure – last day</b>	10.00am	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms.
	3.00pm	Classes finish.
	3.30	Tea then departure.