

COURSE DETAILS – 3 DAYS LW 409

COURSE TITLE: WOODTURNING FOR BEGINNERS AND OTHERS

NAME OF TUTOR: PETER CLOTHIER

LEVEL OF ABILITY: A/B/C

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AIMS OF COURSE:

If you have never used a woodturning lathe or have tried and been unhappy with the results, then this course is for you!

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE:

Over the course all students initially make a series of set pieces to perfect skills:

- A sampler
- A tool handle
- An egg
- A small pill box
- A small bowl

Once these are completed students may undertake an individual project with guidance from the tutor.

MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES COVERED:

During the course there will be demonstrations and practical training sessions on relevant subjects. Timber choice and technology; purchasing a lathe; tool selection and sharpening; abrasives; finishes and polishing products.

TEACHING METHOD:

Projects begin with a confidence building exercise; sampler exercise and then building on techniques learned, going on to make a tool handle, and egg and lastly a small pill box. These exercises involve many techniques each new exercise reinforcing the new skills learned.

EVENING SESSIONS:

**First evening session – attendance is an essential part of the course:**

We begin turning on the first evening, after initial instruction on techniques and safe working practice, so please bring overalls or apron and a pencil.

**Other optional evening activities:**

The tutor's normal teaching hours are 9.00 – 5.30pm. The workshops are open until 10pm. Providing a student has satisfied the tutor as to their competence, they may usually finish off the days' projects. There must always be a minimum of two students in the workshop if the tutor is not present, for safety reasons.

The College Library has a small selection of books on woodturning, which the students may refer to. The tutor will also bring in a selection of relevant books.

GENERAL TIMETABLE:

1st evening: Introduction – begin sample turning  
 Day 1: Finish sampler, make tool handle  
 Day 2: Make egg and pill box  
 Day 3: Make a small bowl

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs 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.

**MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:**

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

Included in the non-residential fee for this course is the cost of timber provided for the set projects. This is in addition to any items or timber you may purchase for individual projects.

**These items will be available in the College Shop:**

Note pad	Additional timber is available for purchase at the
Pencil HB	College, but if you wish to bring some of your
own,	
Abrasives – 80 120 150 200 grit.	please do so: 50mm x 50mm and 75mm x 75mm
	lengths; 50mm to 100mm thick stock for bowls
and	platters.

**Please bring any of the above, if you have them and in addition:**

You are welcome to bring your own tools (clearly marked with your name), to learn how to use and sharpen (turning tools are provided by the College)

**Remember to wear sturdy covered footwear, a smock, or overall or something similar.**

**SAFE WORKING PRACTICE:**

All woodworking machinery is potentially hazardous. Simple and sensible precautions must always be applied.

- 1) Eyes: – must be protected by safety glasses (supplied by the College) or a face screen.
- 2) Lungs and nose: – a dust extraction mask, generally used only during sanding. Dust masks are provided. The lathes all have dust extraction units fitted.
- 3) Clothing – Turners smocks are ideal. Aprons (tied at the back) or overalls, and boiler suits can be used. Trousers should be worn and stout footwear (no open toes) are essential.
- 4) Do not wear: – loose clothing, loose hair and dangling jewellery, as these are obviously potentially dangerous.

**COURSE TIMETABLE**

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>Usual Timetable</b>	<b>Daily</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

	so.	with their tutor's permission and provided it is safe to do
<b>Departure – last day</b>	10.00am 3.00pm 3.30	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms. Classes finish. Tea then departure.

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