

## COURSE DETAILS – 3 DAYS/LONG WEEKEND LW 418

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCING WOODTURNING – BOWLS, SPINDLES AND BOXES

NAME OF TUTOR: DAVE REGISTER LEVEL OF ABILITY: A/B

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### GENERAL CONTENT OF COURSE:

This course is designed for the beginner and those who have been woodturning on their own and now understand that some sympathetic help from a considerate tutor can save them a lot of wasted effort.

Each student is allocated their own lathe, instructed in its safe use and all the accessories, given a list and diagram of the parts of the lathe and the tools. The method of teaching will be by explanation, demonstration and practice. The tutor is very happy to repeat these as often as you need and if he has failed to explain something clearly will encourage you to ask questions.

The bowl gouge and scraper are introduced in sequence as they are needed for a simple bowl, the tutor will explain how and why they work. Students are shown each stage of the process and then put this into practice at their own pace, with as much supervision as needed.

Next students are introduced to the spindle roughing gouge, the parting tool, the skew chisel and the detailing spindle gouge. There will be time to practise the techniques needed to make the basic components of all spindles (coves and beads) and then make a project such as a mallet.

Students then learn how to hollow into end grain and make a small bowl using this technique, those who attain sufficient skill within the time available, can make a lidded box.

**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.

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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

#### These items will be available for purchase in the College Shop:

Pencil  
A selection of timber blanks (cost around £8.50 each)  
Finishing oil  
80, 100, 150, 180, 240, 320 grit, cloth backed abrasive

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

Overall, boiler suit or smock (to protect your clothes against wood dust and shavings. It should be close fitting round the neck, no loose ties etc)  
Comfortable, sturdy footwear (not sandals)  
Woodturning tools (marked with your name) if you have any  
Wood for turning, if you wish (seasoned English hardwoods such as Ash, Sycamore, Beech for bowls i.e. 50-100mm thick 150-250mm diameter. For spindles: 50mm x 50mm x 200mm or longer, 75/100mm x 75/100mm x 225mm, 50mm x 50mm x 150mm or branches of hardwood of same dimensions).  
Thin super glue  
Your favourite finishing product

**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 7.00 8.15–9.15	Arrival for residential students. Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner. Dinner. First teaching session.
<b>Daily Timetable</b>	<b>9.15am</b> 10.30 12.30pm <b>2.00pm</b> 3.30 5.00 7.00 8.15	<b>Morning classes.</b> Coffee. Lunch. <b>Afternoon classes.</b> Tea. Classes finish. Dinner. 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 3.00pm 3.30	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms. Classes finish. Tea then departure.