

COURSE DETAILS – WEEKEND WE 291

COURSE TITLE: STARTING OUT IN WOODTURNING

NAME OF TUTOR: COLIN SIMPSON

LEVEL/S OF ABILITY: A/B

AIMS OF COURSE:

This course is aimed at students who have very little experience in turning or who have not turned before. The aim of the course is to give students the confidence to work safely on the lathe and to give them an introduction to spindle and bowl turning.

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE:

Students make up to three pieces – a bowl, a goblet or egg cup, or a lidded box. If you have a particular project in mind, the tutor will be happy to accommodate it, providing it is appropriate for the skill level of the course and providing time allows.

MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES COVERED:

Each day includes demonstrations of techniques and tutorials on topics such as sharpening, understanding the wood, chucks and chucking methods.

TEACHING METHOD:

On this hands-on course each student has exclusive use of a lathe and its accessories for the duration of the course. Students work at their own pace and the tutor will demonstrate and explain techniques both formally and informally to the group and on an individual basis.

EVENING SESSIONS:

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

On the first evening the tutor will introduce and explain the parts of the lathe and cover safety aspects. The first project will also be demonstrated.

Other optional evening activities:

For health and safety reasons relating to the nature of the equipment used, students are not able to work in the workshop during the evenings if the tutor is not present.

GENERAL TIMETABLE:

Each full day of the course starts promptly at 9.15am. Tuition usually ends at 5pm on Saturday although some evening working will be offered. On Sunday the course ends and tools will be packed away by 3.30pm.

STUDENT PREPARATION FOR COURSE:

Whilst the College provides a comprehensive set of tools, students are encouraged to bring their own, if they have them, so that the tutor can assist in correcting any problems there might be in sharpening or using them.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Please note that tutor supervision is required at all times when students work in this workshop. 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

Included in the non-residential fee for this course is the cost of timber provided for the course.

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

Pencil, abrasives in 80,100, 150, 240 grits and polish

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

Your own tools (labelled with your name) especially bowl gouges

Some examples of your own work, if you have any

Roll of kitchen paper

Overall or smock

Sturdy covered footwear

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.

Arrival Day	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.
Daily Timetable	9.15am	Morning classes.
	10.30	Coffee.
	12.30pm	Lunch.
	2.00pm	Afternoon classes.
	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.
Departure – last day	10.00am	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms.
	3.00pm	Classes finish.
	3.30	Tea then departure.