

Bottisham Village College

Adult and Community Learning

Upholstery and Chair Caning

Learn traditional upholstery or chair caning and traditional seat restoration techniques.



**Tuesdays, 7.00 - 9.00 pm
Commencing 17th January 2012
£90 per 10 week term**

with Helen Simonds

The upholstery is taught using traditional methods. Students should provide their own piece of furniture, bearing in mind that they must be able to carry it to and from their car (with help), as no storage is available at the school. Small items such as dining room chairs, bedroom chairs or stools are suitable for beginners. Any repairs to the frame of the piece to be upholstered need to be done prior to starting. Please consult the tutor before removing any of the upholstery, if this is the case.

For those who wish to learn chair caning, a chair or stool with a flat seat is necessary for beginners, so that basic techniques can be learned before attempting more advanced work. Techniques which can be covered include cane, seagrass, Danish cord, shaker tape and paper rush. Unfortunately fresh rush cannot be undertaken in this class.

A few basic tools will be useful for this course:

For the traditional upholstery: side cutters and pliers, an old screwdriver, wooden mallet, tack lifter.

For the chair caning: a small pair of sharp side cutters or scissors, a small ball pein hammer, some long tapered golf tees, two old tea towels, a large ice-cream tub or similar and an empty spray bottle, to keep the cane moist during work.

For everyone: a camera and notepad are essential to record all details of the work for reference.

The tutor has a good selection of tools for students to borrow during each class. She is also able to supply at cost, any specialist tools or materials that students may decide they would like to buy during the course.

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All new students are requested to contact the tutor at least two weeks before the course commences, to discuss what they wish to do during the course. During this discussion an assessment of any possible repairs needed to your chosen piece of furniture can be made and, if necessary, the tutor will arrange a meeting for this assessment and can give advice about pre-course preparation.

How to enrol on this course:

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website: www.bottishamvc.org/commed and returned to the Community Office with your course fee. Alternatively, please ring or email the Community Office. A place will be reserved for you once your completed enrolment form and payment have been received. Cheques should be made payable to **Bottisham Village College**. Credit and Debit card details can be given on the enrolment form. Concessionary fees are available if you are in receipt of a Means Tested Benefit (JSA and ESA only).

Unless you are informed that the course is full or cancelled, you should attend the first session. Refunds will only be given if the course is cancelled or if you withdraw due to ill health; in this case evidence is required. If a class is cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, extra classes will be added at the end of the course. Please note that the office will not be manned during the school holidays.

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