



FURNITURE MAKING FOR IMPROVERS COURSE 2 OF 2

Aimed at those who have a good understanding of basic skills; you'll make an elegant table in Cherry using hand joints and wood machines

Course Overview

Course Dates

12th-16th Dec 2011
23rd-27th Apr 2012
30th Jul-3rd Aug 2012

Cost

£490 plus £70 for materials to make the table

Duration

5 Days – 08:30-17:30

Why choose this course?

This intensive course has been designed by Peter, as part of a pair of courses, and is aimed at those who have taken our Beginner Course or have a good understanding of basic skills and are practised at tool care and sharpening.

During the course you will make an elegant table using traditional hand joints and will have the opportunity to use basic wood machines. The table will be made from fine textured Cherry, mortise and tenoned, with tapered legs.

Whilst making the table, you will learn the following skills; selection and use of solid timber, accurate marking, joint cutting, gluing, cramping and sanding, as well as the use of buttons to allow for timber movement. The top of the table will be router moulded and the table will be cleaned up and finished with a durable oil based finish on the top and a French polish based finish on the under frame.

You should bring your existing tools which should be sharp and ready to use; please note that this intensive course does not allow time for tool sharpening and tuning. You will be given practical demonstrations and shown the quick and professional methods used to produce quality furniture. During the week, Peter will assist and guide students, and he will endeavour to help with any particular problems you have been encountering in your own workshop. Impartial advice will be given on tool selection and buying.

What will I achieve?

At the end of this course you will take away your own hand-crafted piece of fine furniture, and will have gained the knowledge, experience and confidence to attempt more advanced furniture making projects.

This course is suitable for ...

Beginners: ×
Intermediate: ✓
Advanced: ✓



Course Content

- **Induction and Welcome to the School**
- **Health and Safety in the Workshop**
 - Safe use of hand and basic machine tools
- **Hand Skills**
 - Accurate marking and measuring
 - Designing and making rods and templates
 - Appropriate use of face side and face edge
 - Using correct application for planes and chisels
 - Using clamps and cramps
 - Sanding techniques
 - Oil finishing and Shellac sealing and waxing
- **Hand Cut Joints and Techniques**
 - Board jointing with rub and biscuit joints
 - Haunched mortise and tenons
 - Making buttons and router mortising
 - Gluing, cramping and squaring avoiding twist and pigeon toeing
- **Machine Skills**
 - Narrow Band Saw
 - Hollow Chisel Mortiser
 - Router Table
 - Random Orbit Sander



Tools Required

If you do not have any or many tools, the School can provide them for you to use. If you can bring along your own tools, the suggested tool list includes:

- Bench planes (No 4 or No 5)
- Tenon and dovetail Saws
- Mortise, marking and cutting gauges
- Mallet
- Chisels (bevel edge and mortise if you have one)
- Cabinet scraper
- Rule, Square, Marking Knife and 2H pencil



Where to Stay

Please see the **Find Us** page of our website www.peterseftonfurnitureschool.com and then click on **Where to Stay**.



Booking Info

How do I apply for any of your Courses? First, please contact the School to confirm there is space on the course either by phone on 01684 591014 or email sarah@peterseftonfurnitureschool.com. Then complete the Course Booking Form and forward it with your 50% deposit to the School.

The balance will be due 6 weeks prior to the start of the course and if booking less than 6 weeks in advance, the total course fee will be due. The School regrets that we are unable to accept applications from anyone under the age of 18 at the start of their course.

Duration and Facilities: The course runs from Monday to Friday, 08:30 to 17:30 with 1 hour for lunch. Students will need to provide their own lunch each day; tea and coffee are provided by the School.