



# PETER SEFTON

**P**eter Sefton runs the Peter Sefton Furniture School, which offers a wide range of woodworking and furniture making courses. The main course is 35 weeks long and covers hand skills, machining and much more. The school also offers specialist short courses and three-day machining courses on using bandsaws, planer/thicknessers, table saws and spindle moulders, all carried out on a range of kit from the Felder Group.

## Safe machines

For the last 15 years, Peter has been using machines from the Felder Group and is still utilising three of his original ones to this day. When he first started the school, Peter purchased an A3-41 planer/thicknesser, an N4400 bandsaw, an F3 spindle moulder and a K3 panel saw from Felder's Hammer range. Since then, however, he has added two AF 22 dust extraction units, upgraded his K3 to a K700 Professional as well as investing in a second planer – the A 741 from the Felder range. Commenting on why he chose these specific machines, Peter said: "I had known of Felder for over 20 years and it's great to see how they have progressed. I went to the headquarters in Milton Keynes, and seeing their setup gives you a great confidence. The range they offer is also safe, which is essential when running a school."

## Spreading knowledge & experience

Speaking about his kit, Peter commented: "The N4400 bandsaw is essential; it has so many uses. We swap the blade two or three times a day: a little narrow blade for tight curved work, a wider blade for ripping, and a medium blade for making tenons and dovetails. As the school became more popular, a queue for the A3-41 started to develop, so I decided to add another planer, taking the step up to the Felder A 741. The quick-change knives on



both planers are easy to set up; I can teach someone in 15 minutes and be confident that they could go back to their own workshop and set it up." Regarding his panel saw, Peter said: "The Hammer K3 did well and I had that for 12 years, but we were ready for an upgrade. The bigger and more robust Felder K 700 has allowed us to do such accurate work – fine cutting for inlays/veneers and a selection of different tasks that I can show the students – but most important is the increased safety." Peter continues: "I wouldn't have a workshop without a spindle moulder. In the past, they have had a reputation for being dangerous but the technology has improved so much and now it is much safer – as long as it is set up correctly – and you can do some really nice work."

Peter now makes DVDs and digital downloads covering each of the machines, which helps to spread his knowledge and experience as well as keeping people up-to-date with the safety regulations.

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