

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED CRAFT CERTIFICATE - UPHOLSTERY

This is a 210-hour course with a minimum of 6 hours per week to be completed within one year.

During this time the candidate will produce a portfolio containing notes on the following:

- Basic Design Skills: sketching, colour co-ordination and scale drawings
- Health and Safety issues relevant to the work place
- The requirements of the Furniture & Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988
- General Product Safety Regulations – relating to the furniture and furnishings industry
- An understanding of British Standards 2543 relating to upholstery fabrics
- Business Studies: business planning and government returns
- Produce Estimates, Work Sheets and Costings
- Assessing Frame Repairs, costs and time required to initiate repairs
- Frame Repairs and Castors
- Further practice of upholstery with modern techniques and materials i.e. springing systems, dug rolls, profiles, tack strips etc.

Candidates will also produce:

- “T” Shaped Cushion with a zip and piping*
- Re-upholster using traditional materials and methods an Easy Chair, of the student’s choice, with two of the following elements: sprung seat, independent sprung edge, sprung arms, scroll arms or a deep buttoned back*
- Further project using examples of modern materials and methods*
- Written project: History of Upholstery Hide and Textiles, including fabric recognition and composition - **Mandatory***

Instruction must be given in the following processes, applications and usage:

Webbing

Springing (No sag and coil systems)

Stitching

Stuffing

Cutting

Sewing

Fitting cover and finishing

Estimating and costing

Trimming, piping etc.

Assessing frame repairs and costing and time required to initiate repairs.

Repair of timber frames including fitting/re-fitting legs, castors, repair of castor blocks, spring rails and transverse rails.

Selection and fitting new castors.

Identification of materials

Important: For every item made a detailed costing and list of materials used should be kept together with a short evaluation of the completed projects.

*** The body of the marks awarded will be formed between these four projects**

The Association's Verifier will be looking for good quality work with good clean lines and attention to detail.