

Woodwork - Whittling Workshop Saturday

Immerse yourself in the relaxing and engaging heritage craft of wood whittling with our one day whittling course. Whittling is a craft that requires few tools to create a wide variety of items from simple shapes to more intricate figures and useful objects such as spoons. The course is designed for both beginners and those looking to refresh their skills. You will be able to work at your own pace with assistance from an experienced woodcarver. In our friendly workshop you will be introduced to safe working practices, wood selection, choosing the right tool, how to keep your tools sharp and the practical techniques for shaping wood with a knife.

Start Date: 24 January 2026
Start Time: 10:00
Lessons: 1
Weeks: 1
Hours: 5.50

This is a non-funded course and as such concessionary rates do not apply.

After spending time getting to know how to handle and use the whittling knife safely you will complete a simplified design for the face of wood spirit with a flowing beard that you will be able to take home with you.

All tools and materials are included in this one-day course.

If you are looking for a course to improve or maintain your mental health and wellbeing, why not book onto one of our courses from the Managing mental health and well-being offer?

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Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

What Will I Learn On This Course?

Learners will:

1. Be able to select an appropriate piece of wood to whittle.
2. Use a whittling knife safely to create at least two types of cuts.
3. Be able to maintain a sharp edge on a whittling knife.

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Is This Course Suitable For Me?

This course is an excellent starting point for beginners who want to explore basic whittling skills or for those with a little experience who want to revisit skills.

Is There Anything Else I Need To Know About This Course?

Please be aware that whilst this course is practical in nature some sessions will include theory and professional related training such as H&S, risk assessments, public liability etc

Will There Be Additional Costs?

Please bring your own apron and pen

What Could I Go On To Do After This Course?

Your tutor can talk to you about another subject related course available. Your progression course is R251509A
Woodwork - Introduction to Woodcarving 2 or R251511A Woodwork - Hand woodworking 2.

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as MidKent College, Medway School of Arts and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through your individual progression options.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

If you need further advice please telephone 01634 338400.

What Is The Attendance Policy?

Single session-

This is one session course- please attend for the duration of the lesson. If you enrol and then cannot attend, please inform us as soon as possible on 01634 338400 so that your place can be given to someone else.

Health & Safety

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By participating in the live class, you accept that you understand that wood carving involves potentially hazardous tools and equipment and that such activity carries the risk of injury. You understand that it is your responsibility to judge your motor skills and physical ability.

It is your responsibility to ensure that by participating in classes and activities from Medway Adult Education, you will not exceed your limits while performing such activity, and you will select the appropriate level of task for your skills and abilities.

You understand that this is a wood carving activity, and you will need to be suitably dressed, you will need protect your work surface and be mindful of the correct Health & Safety processes when working with wood carving tools and materials. MAE is not responsible for damage to items in your house / home or person.

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