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Join our new hand woodworking heritage craft course to discover the fundamentals of basic hand tool carpentry, perfect for beginners and those looking to refresh their skills. Under the guidance of a skilled professional, you'll learn about hand tool selection, usage, and practical skills involving traditional hand tools and techniques. The course will also cover design, planning, marking out, transferring your ideas to wood, how to use and maintain the tools, as well as the completion of at least one project from concept to finish.

Start Date: 29 September 2025
Start Time: 18:30
Lessons: 10
Weeks: 10
Hours: 20.00

If you looking to turn your passion into a career? Do you want to learn or develop new skills? Book onto one of our courses from the Employability and transferable skills 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 the appropriate wood for their project
 2. Create a design plan using accurate measurement for at least one project.
 3. Accurately transfer designs to wood to create a project which features at least two methods for joining wood
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1. Be able to select appropriate wood for their project.
 2. Create a design plan using accurate measurement for at least one project.
 3. Use saws, planes, chisels, spokeshaves and rasps to create a simple wooden project.
 4. Use at two methods for joining wood.
 5. Learn how to sharpen woodworking tools.

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Is This Course Suitable For Me?

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

The course will cover:

- ? Workshop health and safety
- ? Wood selection including the use of reclaimed timber
- ? Design and planning a project
- ? Accurate setting out using a combination square
- ? Use of different types of saws for making accurate cuts in wood
- ? Use of planes and spokeshaves to reduce wood to the required size
- ? Removal of waste wood with chisels
- ? How to use dowels and make simple wood joints
- ? How to take wood grain direction into consideration when creating a project in wood.
- ? Development of an understanding of the importance of having sharp tools and how to sharpen tools
- ? How to select the best wood finish
- ? How to create an effective woodworking tool set including the selection of traditional vintage tools.
- ? The completion of at least one project from concept to finish.

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

Learners will need the following tools and equipment please do not purchase until you are sure the course will run:

You will need to prepare the following tools and equipment before the start of the course:

- Apron or overall
- Dust mask
- Pen
- Pencil, rubber and sharpener

You will be provided with a sketchbook

Will There Be Additional Costs?

Your tutor will advise you on materials and tools as the course progresses

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 R251511A
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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?

Multiple sessions-

To get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 90%. If you do have a holiday booked during term time, please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend, please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed

Health & Safety

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By participating in the live class, you accept that you understand that woodworking 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 woodworking 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 woodworking tools. MAE is not responsible for damage to items in your house / home or person.

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