

Oxford School of Upholstery Diploma in Upholstery - 16 Weeks

Level 1 - Foundation Diploma

Module 1 - 1 week course

All Students will produce an Upholsterer's Stool using traditional techniques

Day 1-5

Upholstery of stool: Students will learn following techniques:

Webbing

Lashing of Coiled springs

First stuffing

Stuffing ties

Stitching

Stitched Square Corners

Second stuffing

Calico

Top Cover

Finishing with Decorative nails (depending on time), braid or double piping

Module 2 - 4 week course

Students will reupholster a Victorian style Nursing Chair without arms using traditional techniques, to include a deep buttoned back. Students will bring their own project or contact us for help with sourcing a piece. Students bringing their own project need to discuss this in advance. Students working using frames supplied by us will spend the first day colouring the frame.

Week 1-2

Stripping/Colouring of frame
Seat covering the following techniques
Webbing
Lashing of coiled springs
Spring hessian cover
Tying in of springs
First stuffing
Stuffing ties
Permanent tacking
Stitching
Second Stuffing
Calico

Week 3-4

Back
Webbing
Spring hessian
First Stuffing
Stitching
Planning and Marking out of buttons
Second Stuffing
Calico
Padded arms
Deep buttoning and button ties
Making up of buttons
Top Cover
Finishing techniques – Choice of Double piping cord, Braid, Decorative
nails or invisible stitching

Module 3 – 3 week course

Ottomans, Headboards, Sewing

Week 1

One headboard with decorative details such as Panelling with Ruched edge and piping or buttoning involving planning the design of buttoning pattern eg diamonds/squares

Week 2

Upholstered ottoman - Frames available for sale

Foam top

Polyester lining

Cutting with pattern matching

Students who have not done a buttoned headboard can do buttoning detail on the ottoman

Week 3

Sewing:

Students will produce a scatter cushion with piping and hidden zip

A piped box cushion with side zip

A bolster cushion

Level 2 leading to Advanced Diploma in Upholstery

Module 4 – 4 weeks

Wing back chair in the style of Parker Knoll

Upholstery using modern methods with foam from the frame up

Seat Platform:

May use original tension springs or serpentine springs or pirelli webbing

Most will include a box cushion or a T-shaped cushion

Module 5 – 4 weeks

Traditional Armchair with independent sprung edge

One Week Stand alone courses

Egg chairs one week recover

Lampshades drum/stitched

Ottomans

Headboards

Sprung Dining/Occasional Chairs