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**Upholstery Classes at Cheddar Upholstery School**

**All our classes are held at our workshop premises at:**

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| **Weds evening** | **Friday morning** | **Weekend Workshop** | **Summer School** |
| **Start time: 6pm****Finish time: 9pm** | **Start: 09.30am****Finish: 1pm** | **Sat-Sun****Start: 09.30am****Finish: 4pm** | **Mon – Friday: 09.30 to 3.30pm** |

**Your tutor**

Jill Humphrey, AMUSF (Association of Master Upholsterers and Soft Furnishers) qualified diploma level with 12 years’ continuous experience of commercial practice and 5 years as a tutor. Former owner and Master Upholsterer at Pretty Sitting Upholstery & Interiors in Cheddar for 6 years.

**What is covered in our beginner’s/improver’s classes?**

These classes are designed for students new to or wanting a refresher course in upholstery. We will cover many of the basic techniques and skills used in traditional upholstery and some which may be used in more modern upholstery work. The course is designed to allow students to work on their own projects and at their own pace. You will need to book more classes to complete larger or more complicated pieces. Each course will cover:

* Introduction to tools, equipment and materials in the upholstery workshop
* Introduction to techniques and methods used for traditional and modern reupholstery
* Wood restoration, repairs and treatments

Each student works on their own chosen project using a piece of furniture brought into the class. If you haven’t done so already, please let Jill see a photo of your chosen piece before the classes start. We have a small selection of low-cost vintage chairs (£10-£50 each) if you need one! Please check your piece carefully for signs of heavy woodworm infestation, broken frames or loose joints as repairing and treating them will hold up your progress.

Our class sizes are kept to 5 or 6 students on each course to maximise student/tutor time. You will be personally supervised on your project and given instruction and support at each stage. Sometimes you may have to wait a short time but your tutor will endeavor to give everyone plenty of contact time and individual tuition. As everyone works on individual projects our students can see many different techniques being used in the class and we encourage interaction with fellow students.

**What you will need to bring with you.**

We would encourage you to keep your own notes and take photos of each stage of your project work. We recommend keeping your notes and photos in your personal Upholstery Projects file and build up a portfolio that you can keep for reference purposes which is useful if you decide to go on to study at diploma level. I will provide each of you with a job sheet for each project which records all the materials used. You will need to bring with you:

* **A piece of furniture!**
* Fabric (check quantity and type required with your tutor)
* An A4 notepad
* A phone/camera
* Pen/pencils
* Lunch (for Weekend/Summer School students)

**What you can expect from us.**

We provide all the hand tools that you will need to use for your upholstery projects. If you would like to buy your own tools we can order them at a student discount rate from our suppliers. If you bring your own tools you must take responsibility for looking after them. Student discount is 10%.

All materials must be paid for at the end of each course or when you have completed your project. You will receive an invoice which details the materials used based upon the information on your materials sheet. We make a small charge for sundry items such as tacks, staples, piping, twine, threads etc so that you do not need to itemize everything! All materials used are invoiced at student discount rates. We also have a selection of fabric off-cuts which can be purchased or you can order rolls of fabric from our fabric suppliers at student discount rates.

We will provide tea/coffee and biscuits during the class and water and soft drinks are always available. If you have specific dietary requirements then please feel free to bring your own refreshments. For those on a Weekend or Summer School, please bring your lunch with you. We have a fridge, microwave and toaster for your use.

**Cleaning, Recycling & Health and Safety**

We ask all students to tidy up their bench and sweep/hoover around at the end of the class before departure. We take recycling very seriously as it is a challenging issue for the upholstery industry, as a whole. We provide recycling bins for all materials removed and/or discarded from your project work and ask you to place it in the appropriately marked bins.

Health and Safety of all students and members of staff and customers is of the utmost importance. We provide a first aid kit if you have an accident and we would also ask you to ensure that you use all products and materials safely as instructed.

Please come prepared to work standing (mostly) at a bench in a workshop environment. We would suggest that you layer up with warm clothes on colder days and wear comfortable shoes with thick soles (tacks can hurt if trodden on!). If you have any mobility or additional support needs please let Jill know.

**Access**

Please use the entrance next to the double garage doors at the left side of the building, next door to A-M Hairstylist. You can park on the drive temporarily to unload and load your furniture, then please re-park. There is a small car park behind the Catholic Church Hall but please do not use their main car park which is for their hall and church users. Otherwise, it is on-street parking on the adjacent roads, but please be considerate to our neighbours.

The classes start promptly at the above times so please bring your chair/stool by the start of the class and take it away at the end of each class. For those students signed up for a Weekend Workshop or Summer School, furniture is to be left in the workshop for the duration of your course. Please ask if you need a hand getting your furniture into the workshop. We would strongly recommend that you choose something that you can transport easily.

Should you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to ask and I look forward to seeing you at the workshop soon.

Kind regards

**Jill Humphrey, AMUSF**

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