

Upholstery Restoration

Heather Breed - NEW TUTOR

18th - 20th Aug 2025
Monday to Wednesday

This is a project led course with students providing their own upholstery project to work on under the expert eye and with guidance from Heather, an experienced upholsterer and our new upholstery tutor. Experienced upholsterers can work on their own pieces getting guidance from Heather, whilst beginners and those new to upholstery can work on a traditional stitched seat or stool pad and be guided through the processes involved. All students are encouraged to discuss their projects with us and the tutor beforehand so that the right equipment, materials, or even items for upholstery can be prepared in advance.

Description

The projects students will be working on can be varied, and a mix of traditional and modern techniques will be covered. This course is suitable for beginners, intermediates and the more experienced upholsterer, so the group could be a mixture of all levels with a wide range of furniture being worked on. Entire beginners are recommended to discuss any project they'd like to work on in advance of the course but we would suggest a dining chair or stool would be ideal as all the skills necessary to traditionally upholster a seat will be covered and achievable in the time. All the materials (excluding top cover) will be provided and we may well be able to source suitable furniture items beforehand if needed..

As this course will be held at Missenden Abbey, alongside many other summer school courses and subjects, a 3 course lunch is now included for all, as well as tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes in the breaks. A full board residential option is also available.

Course Location:

Missenden Abbey

Great Missenden
Buckinghamshire HP16 0BD

Monday	
9.15am	Students arrive (coffee available)
9.30am	Teaching session
12.45-1.45	Lunch for all
1.45-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Tuesday	
7-9.00am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am	Teaching session
12.45-1.45	Lunch for all
1.45-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Wednesday	
7-9.00am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am	Teaching session
12.45-1.45	Lunch for all
1.45-5pm	Last teaching session

Please bring with you

Upholstery tools, suitable for hand work.

A suitable project (please speak with us beforehand should you want us to source something suitable),

Upholstery fabric, and trimmings (please speak with us beforehand should you want us to provide any of this)

An apron and suitable workshop clothing.

Available to purchase from the tutor

All basic upholstery materials will be available during the week except covering fabric and trimmings.

Material costs can vary greatly depending on the quantity and type required.

For all students we will put you in touch with the tutor prior to the week so that your project and needs can be discussed.

Level

Suitable for all from beginners to the more experienced.


About Heather Breed - NEW TUTOR


Heather is an AMUSF qualified Upholsterer and Journeyman member of the Guild of Traditional Upholsterers.


Heather has completed a furniture design course, where she designed and crafted a chair shaped like a leaf, which was subsequently displayed at the High Wycombe Museum.

Heather has gained experience working in a few different workshops before setting up her own Upholstery business in Buckinghamshire and she has also been teaching upholstery for a number of years.

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