



### FIX AND UPCYCLE FURNITURE - SMALL PROJECTS

#### Who is this course for?

Rescue, restore and redecorate small pieces of furniture which can be easily carried into class. Anything that requires mending or upcycling which can be heirlooms, dusty loft discoveries, carboot or flea-market finds. From boxes and stools, tea trays, mini tables, small mirrors to picture frames and footstools.....the list is only limited by size! If you can carry it – you can work on it! Learn, share and swap simple techniques to bring your items back to life. Maybe you want to change their original use, or bring them up to date by changing the look or adding new upholstery. Upcycling is sustainable, cost-effective and fun and provides a great sense of achievement. Anyone can get involved in the upcycling revolution. No previous skills required. Get creative, roll up those sleeves and get 'Fixing up and Upcycling Creative!'

### What will I learn?

Learn how to fix and upcycle small pieces of furniture in a cost effective manner using your own creativity and imagination.

#### How will I learn?

Students are encouraged to develop a personal pathway to becoming competent in building practical skill sets while working on their own project(s) and in so doing, deliver a successful and pleasing end result. Regular feedback will be provided including one to one and group discussions. Idea and techniques sharing as well as creativity are always encouraged. There are never mistakes in upcycling only lessons to be learnt! Learners will be asked to complete an Individual Learning Plan to evidence their progress and achievement.

# What will I need to bring?

A small easily transportable item to bring along to work on and some basic tools to mend or upcycle your item such as nails, staples, glue, fabric, paints and finishing sundries as you go. This is dependent on your own project and will be advised by your tutor. It must be noted that items cannot be stored and will need to be brought in and taken away each week. A basic group tool kit is available to share initially although students will be encouraged to build up tools specific to their projects. Please note- In the interests of health and safety we are unable to work on electrical items.

## **Additional Costs And/Or Resources:**

This is dependent on each project. Students will be required to bring along and/or purchase tools, finishing materials: fabrics, wall papers, glues, sand papers, paints, protective varnishes, waxes, stains /special finishes and application brushes and/or rollers. Again your tutor can advise once your project details are known.

## What skills or experience do I need?

Beginners and intermediates wanting to work in an environment of like-minded people who can help and encourage each other, share tips, knowledge and experience. Basic tool use including hammer, staple-gun, hand-

sanding, gluing, painting.

## **Support For Your Learning**

Once you start the course, if you have any queries and/or support needs, please talk to the tutor. We provide support to people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect your ability to learn or participation, please contact us for further advice.

### For More Information And How To Enrol

If you need more information, want to discuss levels and course content, or wish to enrol, you can call into our local centres, call our Enrolment Team, or for some courses, you can enrol online. If you need help with your choice of learning, training, career, work and life goals, please book an appointment with one of our Learning and Work Advisers who can provide free one to one impartial advice. Call our Freephone 0800 988 0308

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### **Minimum Numbers**

If the required minimum number of learners is not reached, we cannot guarantee that the course will run. We will try to advise you 5 working days before the course start date if this is the case.

# **Online Learning**

If you are enrolling for an online/blended learning course: It is important to check the detailed course information prior to enrolment to ensure you have suitable equipment and software. You will also need a reliable internet connection to participate in this course. If you are not sure about the requirements or have any questions, please get in touch with our enrolment staff using the contact details provided. Please note that online courses may be recorded and shared with adult learning staff for quality assurance purposes.