

CRAFTS: Upcycle Furniture - small items

01. 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. You will also learn about the basic materials and techniques required to transform a small piece of furniture: chalk paint, stencilling or decoupage. 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!'

02. What will I learn?

The course is designed to help you develop a sense of design and creativity when transforming an old or tired piece of furniture into something new and exciting. It will provide an opportunity to explore the possibilities and to learn new skills. Learn how to fix and upcycle small pieces of furniture in a cost effective manner using your own creativity and imagination.

03. How will I learn?

How will I know how I'm getting on? Learners 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 feed-back 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.

04. 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.

05. 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 is advantageous but not essential

08. How will I be supported in my 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.