

# Woodwork - Hand Woodworking L1A

This is a level 1A course.

Join our hand woodworking course to discover the fundamentals of basic hand tool carpentry, perfect for beginners and those looking to refresh their skills.

Under the guidance of a skilled professional, you'll learn about the heritage craft, hand tool selection, usage, and practical skills involving traditional hand tools and techniques.

The course will also cover design, planning, marking out, transferring your ideas to wood, how to use and maintain the tools, as well as the completion of at least one project from concept to finish.

Start Date:	21 September 2026
Start Time:	18:30
Lessons:	10
Weeks:	10
Hours:	20.00

## Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre  
Rochester Community Hub  
Eastgate  
ME1 1EW

## WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

Learners will:

1. Be able to select the appropriate wood for their project
2. Create a design plan using accurate measurement for at least one project.
3. Accurately transfer designs to wood to create a project which features at least two methods for joining wood

Whether you would like to learn new creative skills or to investigate the possibility of a new woodworking -based career, MAE Community Learning courses can provide you with a stepping stone to progress

## IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR ME?

This course is an excellent starting point for beginners who want to explore carpentry skills or for those with a little experience who want to revisit skills.

The course will cover:

- ? Workshop health and safety
- ? Wood selection including the use of reclaimed timber
- ? Design and planning a project
- ? Accurate setting out using a combination square
- ? Use of different types of saws for making accurate cuts in wood
- ? Use of planes and spokeshaves to reduce wood to the required size
- ? Removal of waste wood with chisels
- ? How to use dowels and make simple wood joints
- ? How to take wood grain direction into consideration when creating a project in wood.
- ? Development of an understanding of the importance of having sharp tools and how to sharpen tools
- ? How to select the best wood finish
- ? How to create an effective woodworking tool set including the selection of traditional vintage tools.
- ? The completion of at least one project from concept to finish.

## IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS COURSE?

Please be aware that whilst this course is practical in nature some sessions will include theory and professional related training such as H&S, risk assessments, public liability etc.

Learners will need the following tools and equipment please do not purchase until you are sure the course will run:

- Apron or overall
  - Dust mask
  - Pen
  - Pencil, rubber and sharpener
- You will be provided with a sketchbook  
No open toed shoes in the workshop

### **WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL COSTS?**

Your tutor will advise you on materials and tools as the course progresses

### **WHAT COULD I GO ON TO DO AFTER THIS COURSE?**

Your tutor can talk to you about another subject related course available. Your progression course is R261511A  
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Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as MidKent College, Medway School of Arts and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through your individual progression options.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

If you need further advice, please telephone 01634 338400.

### **WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Multiple sessions-

To get the most out of the course:

- Try to attend at least 90% of sessions
- Let your tutor know if you will miss a class
- If you are ill or absent, contact: 01634 338400

### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By taking part in this course, you understand that woodworking involves use of tools, materials and equipment and carries some risk.

You agree that:

- Wood working activities can involve some risk (tools, materials)
- Work at a level that suits your ability
- Wear suitable clothing and protect your work area (no open toed shoes in the workshop)
- Agree to the ground rules and follow safety guidance from your tutor

Medway Adult Education is not responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property.

By attending the course, you confirm that you have read and understood this information.