

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

5-day: Students begin the week by steam bending ash to make arm/bow/crest/rockers. Next, the spindles are shaved by hand from green ash using hand tools. Strategies for turning sets of legs are demonstrated before shaping the seat with adze, travisher, spokehave, rasp and other tools. Holes are drilled at compound angles and the chair is assembled. Alternative finishing strategies are discussed and the course finishes are around 4.00 pm on Friday.

2-day: Students turn their own legs and carve the seat with hand tools on Saturday; and then assemble the stool and apply a simple finish on Sunday.

5-day courses: Monday to Friday

Mon-Thu: 8.30am - 6.00 pm

Friday: 8.30 am - 4.00 pm

2-day courses: Saturday & Sunday

Saturday: 8.30 am - 6.00 pm

Sunday: 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

**Accommodation is available onsite,
details on website**

All tools and materials are supplied

Maximum 8 students per course

Booking:

A deposit of £300 for a 5-day course, or £100 for a 2-day course, is payable to secure a place.

Payment options are shown on the website:

Cheque (to 'The Windsor Workshop')

BACS (sort 60-20-35, account 41515706)

or through link on the website.

Payment will be acknowledged and the booking confirmed by email. The balance is payable at the start of the course.

Please read 'Terms of Booking' on the website.



James Mursell is a full-time Windsor chair maker and teacher. He set up The Windsor Workshop in 2004 to offer chair making courses. James also makes and sells specialist chair making tools, has written for many woodworking magazines and has written a book 'Windsor Chairmaking'. He was a tutor at West Dean College for 12 years. His workshop is based on his farm, with views across the fields to the South Downs, just 4 miles away. He is an active member of The Sussex Guild.

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CHAIRMAKING COURSES

2021/22



2- and 5-day courses with professional
chairmaker James Mursell

Everything provided, including food and drink

Suitable for all levels of experience

Purpose built workshop on a farm in West Sussex

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WHAT CAN I MAKE?

2-DAYS: Over a weekend you can make an attractive and comfortable 4-legged stool. Being the same height as a normal chair, it will be useful anywhere in the house. This course is a great introduction to Windsor chair making and students gain experience in many techniques such as turning, shaping, drilling and finishing.

5-DAYS: If you are coming to the Windsor Workshop for your first 5-day course, you have a choice of 6 chairs: Classic, Rocker, Low-back, Ergo, Continuous-arm and Sack back.

Making these traditional and modern designs involves all the fundamental chair making techniques and includes the use of green wood. Most of the work is done with hand tools using traditional techniques that were developed in the 18th century. Great emphasis is put on creating an elegant, attractive and comfortable chair.



Classic



Low-back



Sack back



Stool



Continuous-arm



Ergo

COURSE DATES 2021/22

Choosing a Course: Decide which chair you wish to make and choose dates from the table below. Phone, or email, James Mursell to check availability of places.

2021/2022

November	8-12 22-26	Low back Continuous arm
December	13-17	Classic
January	10-14 24-28	Low back Ergo
February	7-11 28-4 March	Continuous arm Classic
March	14-18 28 - 1 April	Rocker Low
April	9-10	Stool
May	23-27	Continuous arm
June	13-17	Sack back (NEW)
July	4-8	Rocker

Course Prices

2-day:
stool £315

5-day:
Classic £800
Ergo
Low
Continuous arm
Sack back

Rocker £830

Choice of Woods

The standard course chairs are made from English ash with tulip wood seats. Alternative seat woods are usually available at an additional cost of £50.

DO I NEED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE?

Making a Windsor chair is one of the most accessible forms of woodworking. Courses at The Windsor Workshop are suitable for anyone over 18, who is keen to make a chair, or stool. Over the past 17 years, James Mursell has taught over 1,350 students, from complete woodworking novices to expert cabinet makers.

All have been challenged and all have succeeded!

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