

Is Upholstery & Upcycling for You?

Open to all skill and experience levels! You will get a 'taste' for upholstery and upcycling

Please be advised that this class does require manual work – gripping tools, applying pressure, and straining fabric. If you have concerns in this area please discuss with the teacher before enrolling.

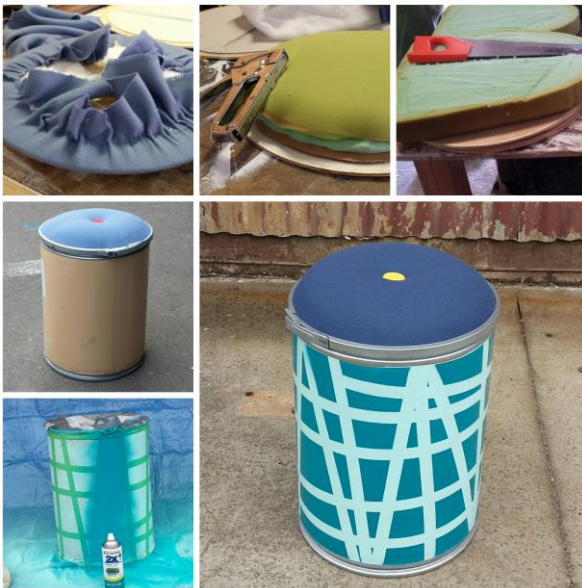


What Does the Class Cover?

DIY Upholstery and Upcycling is a **Statement of Attainment in Access to Work and Training**

Students learn about WHS and tools in the workplace as well as teamwork. **AS A GROUP**, students will work together to identify a community project to focus our skills learning.

Students will learn or perfect basic upholstery skills & knowledge, which may include the following:



- **Upholstery techniques**
Crimping, pleating and fabric stretching, back tack, slip stitch and stab buttons
- **Basic Sewing Machine techniques**
straight seams, corners, piping and zippers.
- **Industrial Sewing Machines**
WHS, Speed control, settings
- **Using hand tools**
Staple guns, screwdrivers, hammers, pliers, pincers, staple lifters, scissors, Stanley knives
- **About Upholstery Materials**
Foam, fabric, wadding, plywood, reuse materials



Example Projects

Students will learn basic sewing and upholstery through participation in a group project. Past projects have included Milk Crate Seating and throw pillows for the CEAD Centre.

BYO Project

Once students have contributed to the community project, and mastered the basic skillset, it is possible to BYO a small project for the remaining portion of the course.

BYO projects should be discussed with the teacher during weeks 1-4. Students may have 3-4 weeks to undertake a personal project, or may choose to further contribute to community projects.

Past suitable projects include foot stools, dining chairs, ottomans and occasional chairs – see photos below/over the page.

Please note due to time and space restrictions full size armchairs, sofas and other advanced projects may not be suitable for this class. There may be costs associated with your BYO project. Please discuss with your teacher when selecting a project.

BYO PERSONAL PROJECTS

Below; Re-upholstered footstools in fabric supplied by the student.

Right: Finished Dining Chair completed by 1 student, who supplied her own fabric and spraypaint.



NEXT LEVEL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Left: CEAD CENTRE ottomans stripped and refurbished in reuse fabrics and foam supplied by TAFE Outreach.

Right: Chair completed by a group of 3 students from patchworked fabric swatches