



MERCURY

— SCHOOL OF WOODWORK —

About us:

Mercury School of woodwork offers the opportunity to rediscover the age-old craft of woodwork. Whether you are a complete novice or a seasoned woodworker wanting to brush up on your technique, you will find a course that suits you.

We have created a series of short courses called Foundations to woodwork - that you can complete weekly on a Saturday, in the evening or during one of our week long comprehensive courses. Mercury School of Woodwork will provide students with the opportunity to gain knowledge of woodwork techniques, materials, machinery and finishes. Our small classes ensure the perfect balance between shared learning and individual attention.

The School was established 2006 with the aim of sharing our knowledge and passion for all things woodwork. Our course lecturers have a combined total of 50 years experience in the industry and are looking forward to welcoming you to the studio.

What our past students have to say:

If you are interested in reading past reviews you can find them at the below link.

[Google](#)

Foundations to Woodwork - BEGINNER COURSE - 5 lessons

Is this course right for you?

Our courses are for anyone who is interested in learning a new skill in woodworking.

There are no pre-requisites required and we encourage you to give it a try.

This course is designed for those who either know little (or nothing) about woodwork, and those who might have forgotten what they did know. We teach students to make simple items to illustrate basic concepts in woodwork, while keeping it enjoyable and fun. By the end of the five-lesson course, you will have a solid understanding of the concept of working with a drawing and making something of it. Along the way, you will be introduced to all the hand tools you need to get going. The emphasis is almost entirely on hand tools (with the exception of powered drills). We demonstrate all the tools and students get to practice using them in class.

Course overview:

- Workshop Safety
 - Basic measuring tools and their uses
 - Cutting tools – hand (Tenon Saw, Chisels)
 - Hammers
 - Screwdrivers & Screws
 - Drill Bits
 - Nails
 - Materials (types of wood)
 - Projects: Two projects completed by the students
- All the tools and materials needed are provided

The emphasis is on hand tools only (apart from powered drills), and all the tools are demonstrated for students to then practice with them in class.

Daily schedule (please note this is subject to change:)

- Lesson 1 (day 1) : Introduction to fundamental concepts behind successful woodworking. Assembly of pot stand (using these concepts.)
Lesson 2 (day 2): Fundamental woodwork rules & Workshop Health and Safety Lesson
Lesson 3 (day 3): How to use a wood chisel
Lesson 4 (day 4): How to make a half lap joint (3 different versions of this joint)
Lesson 5 (day 5): Assembly of Cape Salt Box

What to bring:

We provide all tools and equipment for our courses - you don't need to bring anything with you.

Reusable bottle for water (we have a cold water available)

Closed toed shoes

Comfortable clothing

Mask - you will be required to wear a mask for the duration of your class

Protective eye wear*

Protection for ears* (our classes are in an active woodwork studio and it can get very loud on some days. If you are sensitive to noise please be sure to get proper ear protection.)

* Please enquire with us if you need to purchase these items. Glasses are R20 and ear muffs are R50.

Class starting times:

* Please arrive 15 mins before each class.

Saturdays: 13:15 - 15:15

Wednesdays: 18:00 - 20:00

If you are going to miss a class please give us as much notice as possible and we will do our best to offer a make up lesson.

Our street address is:

Unit 9, First Floor
VPI House
15 Bridgewater Street
Paarden Eiland.

Ours is the second last building in the street, on the left as you face the N1 Highway.

The up ramp to the first floor deck is to the right of the "Shutterway" sign, and there is a round wooden sign on the gate that reads "Tinsley Woodcrafters".

There is also a "Mercury School of Woodwork" sign above the "VPI House" one.

If coming by car, please park at street level (it is quite safe, in our experience, and the whole area is patrolled 24/7). *Wednesday evening class can drive up the ramp and park on level one.

Please press the button in the silver box on the left side of the gate, and we will open up for you (the gate should be open).

The studio is at the far end of the deck. Once inside, the class room is at the Table Mountain end, on the right. Kindly walk between the yellow lines (for safety), and the only rule is: no open toe shoes, please (same reason).

Indemnity forms:

Please note that you will need to sign an indemnity form before you start a class with us.

Terms & conditions:

To confirm a course we require a R500 deposit. Full payment is required 7 days before your course starts.

If you need to cancel your course outside of 7 days we will transfer your deposit to a new future date. If we cancel for reasons beyond our control we will give you a full refund.

If you fail to make your full payment we will consider your spot cancelled unless we hear from you.

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