



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 - INTERMEDIATE 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 caters for students who have completed the beginners course or those with some background in woodwork. It will further your skills and knowledge of woodwork technicalities such as grain direction, sanding, fastening systems and drill bits. Lessons include demonstrations and discussions on hand power tools - and standing power tools like table saw, radial arm saw etc

Students are exposed to the more sophisticated side of the use of and influence powered woodworking equipment can have, and how to gain the maximum advantage from such tools with a minimum cash investment in them.

All the tools and materials needed are provided

Course overview:

- Screws, Screwdrivers bits an different types of fixing systems - jigsaw and sanding machine demonstrations.
- Drill bits
- Routers
- Workshop 'walkabout'

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

Day 1: During this lesson we will be discussing the various types of screws, screwdriver bits and also different types of fixing systems.

Day 2: We discuss the use of a jigsaw, types of blades and the materials it can cut. We discuss jigsaw vs circular saw and pocket cuts (demonstrations of these cuts.) We also run through the 3 different types of belt sanders and how to use them.

Day 3: This lesson will be all about drill bits and the various types needed for wood and other materials

Day 4: This lesson will be an introduction to the safe operation of routers, how the machines works and an overview of its versatility.

Day 5: This lesson will be to demonstrate how to use the large standing power tools that are used daily in a workshop. We demonstrate how to use the table saw, radial arm saw, sliding compound mitre saw, surface jointer, thicknesser, bandsaw and scroll saw.

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: 11:00 - 13:00

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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