



IMPROVE YOUR LAMP SHADE SKILLS MASTERCLASS

A day of advanced lampshade skills tuition to suit you
£275 one person | £415 two people
Bookable on a day of your choice



If you are already enjoying lampshade making – professionally or as a creative hobby – it could be that you are at the stage where you would like to polish your technique or expand your skills further. The best way to do this is to spend a day in the sewing room with expert lampshade maker, author of *Sewing Lampshades* and tutor Joanna Heptinstall.

Joanna's lampshade teaching repertoire includes offering bespoke 1-2-1 tuition designed for an experienced maker. To give you an idea of how you could make the most of the day, possible skills you may like to work on with Joanna include: expanding your creative pleating techniques; honing your technique for a more polished and professional finish; speeding up your making time; fine tuning your own aesthetic.

Every maker is unique so once you've been in touch using the form below, Joanna will come back to you to arrange a phone chat so that together we can form a plan to create your perfect day of bespoke tuition.

These advanced 1-2-1 days can be booked on a day to suit you. This day of tuition is available to be booked for one or two people. Not suitable for beginners.



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On the day

You will be working in a private sewing studio, fully equipped with a huge sewing table and plenty of good lighting. We will have all the shade frames and fabric required to tackle the techniques you would like to cover.

Joanna starts the day by discussing your plan and timetabling the day. This allows it to go smoothly and makes the most of the time we have. On an advanced training day students tend to go home with a set of hand-worked samples rather than one finished lampshade.

What is provided

- A range of shades that are a suitable size and shape for learning on
- Binding tape and suitable cotton linings in shades of white
- Pins, scissors and all the specialist sundries
- Sewing machines
- Tea, coffee, cold drinks and snacks are provided throughout the day

What to bring

It's a good idea to bring along samples of your own lampshade work. You could also bring along sketches or samples of fabrics if that is relevant to your required skills.

And don't forget:

- Camera or smartphone (to capture the best bits...)
- A notebook and pencil (...to write down the important bits)
- Consider what to wear. We'll be sitting for much of the day. In summer, cool and comfy clothes work well. In winter, bring layers. We have string heating but it's worth packing extra layers just in case.
- Something for lunch. There's a microwave, sink and kettle in the kitchen area and the village shop is a three-minute drive away
- Take as many or as few breaks as you want. We want you to achieve what you want but it's meant to be relaxed, informal and fun too.

Where are we?

The course takes place at the Traditional Upholstery School in Wiltshire. We are about three miles from Bradford on Avon, 12 miles from Bath, 9 miles from Chippenham. Our lovely rural workroom has plenty of safe on-site parking.

Traditional Upholstery School, Unit 2, Holt Holdings, East Lane, Holt, Trowbridge BA14 6QU



Parking

Traditional Upholstery School are now part of a rural business estate, so there's plenty of parking.

When you drive in, park on the left, just outside the wooden gates. The School is inside the gates. The entrance is halfway along the large wooden barn-like building with a bench outside.

Directions

From Holt on the B3107 towards Melksham

After Holt, take the first left into East Lane immediately after Hillview Riding Stables, signposted 'Atworth' and 'Broughton Gifford'.

Holt Holdings is about 200 metres along on the left. You'll see a convex mirror in the hedge opposite the turning.

From Melksham on the B3107 towards Holt and Bradford on Avon

About two miles along this winding road from Melksham, just past the West Wiltshire Equestrian Centre on the left, take a sharp right turning into East Lane, which is signposted 'Atworth' and 'Broughton Gifford'.

Holt Holdings is about 200 metres along the East Lane on the left. You'll see a convex mirror in the hedge opposite the turning.

If you get lost call us 07505 651030.

Any other queries?

If you have any requests, questions or concerns, please get in touch. Email

traditionalupholsterschool@gmail.com. If you'd like to chat on the phone, do email to give a good time and we'll take it from there. It's best not to phone out of the blue as Joanna is often teaching.

Here are a few past students who have enjoyed their advanced skills tuition





... and Joanna busy in her studio

Joanna Heptinstall