

WILDERNESS STORES

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PAINT YOUR OWN SHABBY CHIC FURNITURE

£75 including delicious home-cooked lunch and tea/coffee

Achieve the shabby chic or French rustic look on a piece of your own furniture in an enjoyable and productive workshop led by experienced craftsmen.

What?

Bring one small/medium piece of furniture to paint. After a little bit of background you will decide on what colours and finish you want to achieve on your piece (ie more or less distressed), and work on it at your own pace under the guidance of Matthew and Gabriel. We use flat matt emulsion and finish with wax and will have available a range of neutral grey, blue, green, mushroom, cream and white tones. If you want a particular colour to match something you already have it is best to bring along an emulsion version, or speak to one of us about it when you book.

Where?

At our workshop at Unit 3, Earsham Park Farm (the pig farm!), Earsham NR35 2AQ, just off the A143 between Harleston and Bungay. Tel 01986 896655. As you travel from Harleston the site is on the left hand side with the concrete driveway entrance immediately before the first turning for Earsham. There is a sign that says Earsham Park Farm B&B, and another that says Dukes Park – Units to Let. Proceed up the drive, and our workshop is in the low brick and pantile building on the right, facing onto the drive. Unit 3 has a stable door and there will be cars immediately outside.

When?

The next workshop spaces available are on **Saturdays 15th November 2014 and 31st January 2015**. The sessions start at 10.00am and finish no later than 4.00pm. There will be tea or coffee on arrival and a **delicious home-cooked lunch – please inform us about any specific dietary requirements.**

What else?

Wear suitable warm clothing for practical, messy work and an apron or overalls. Thick-soled shoes and warm socks are advisable as you will be standing on a concrete floor all day – but we do have a wonderful antique wood-burner which makes it quite cosy in the colder months. **Bring with you a hair dryer to speed up drying times**, pen/paper for making notes, and a small old towel for waxing, if you can. Your piece of furniture should be clean and ready to paint – so remove grease and dirt (with soapy water or white spirit), and rub down lightly with sandpaper if a gloss finish.

Payment

Sessions costs £75 and you will need to pay in advance to secure your place. This can be done in person or over the phone during shop opening hours (10am – 4.30pm Wednesday to Saturday, 1pm closing on Thursdays) by calling 01379 853067. Or reserve a place by emailing enquiries@wildernessstores.com and pay by BACS to Wilderness Stores a/c no 53047954 Sort code 20-92-08 – but please email to let us know that you have. **Places are limited to 8 per workshop, so book now.**

Nicky, Gabriel and Matthew

Recent comments from workshop attenders:

“Thank you very much for the great workshop on Saturday – we both enjoyed it very much and our pieces of furniture look good ‘in situ’.” Margaret Scott

“This is an excellent course with wonderful, friendly people – and a great lunch! I unhesitatingly recommend it” Richard Bacon MP

“What a wonderful day!! Many thanks for the excellent instruction - you made a difficult task very easy to achieve - I am really thrilled with the result. “ Heather Humphreys

“Thanks again for a great day- good company/ food and most importantly new skills! “ Jenny Surtees

“Just to let you know how much I enjoyed the workshop last week, I amazed myself that I could actually paint!!! Lovely group of people and Matthew and Gabriel where wonderful teachers.” Linda Delane