

## **CAMBRIDGE FINE FURNISHINGS COURSE INFORMATION**

### **THE CURTAIN MAKING CERTIFICATE WEEK ONE**

Through discussion, demonstration and making samples, this five-day course aims to show students how to tackle window dressings with confidence. It is suitable for absolute beginners as well as those looking to enhance their current skills.

#### **DAY ONE**

Students will make a lined-only and an interlined curtain sample using the same fabric. The sample will ensure that you thoroughly learn - and practice - the following:

- traditional stitches
- forming mitres
- inserting covered weights
- locking in linings and interlinings
- positioning header tape

#### **DAY TWO**

Students will consolidate the skills learned on day one by completing a contrast-bound, wadded edge, interlined sample. You will also learn and practice accurate joining techniques.

#### **DAY THREE - SKILLS SESSION**

The morning will be spent discussing how to plan a window treatment, including:

- accurate measuring
- estimation and suitability of fabric
- design
- pattern repeats
- making
- fitting

The group will also explore pattern placement, Italian stringing, arched windows, suitable designs for problem windows and proportions. In addition, there will be a session on track and of pelmet shelf fitting.

Finally, there will be a demonstration of eyelet-headed curtains.

#### **DAY FOUR**

We will start the day with a discussion about valance shape, including the explosion of design onto the fabric and understanding fabric quantities. Students will then explore different types of headings and complete their own sample using box-headed, pencil-pleated or hand-headed valances of their own design.

## **DAY FIVE**

The final day will be a dynamic mixture of hands-on practical sessions, discussion and exploration of the different trims available in curtain making and how to use them.

Students will complete a fringed trumpet, jabot and coronet and discuss their uses.

*All materials are provided on this course. Students will cut to specified measurements the specialist materials required for their samples. Comprehensive notes are provided as the basis of the Curtain Making Certificate Reference File*

## **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

A sewing machine with zipper/piping/cording foot: sewing machine needles;  
sharp scissors;  
basic sewing kit and calculator

***\*All sundries can be purchased in class\****