

## **CAMBRIDGE FINE FURNISHINGS COURSE INFORMATION**

### **THE CURTAIN MAKING CERTIFICATE WEEK TWO**

This week is for students with some experience of curtain making and follows on naturally from Week One.

#### **DAY ONE - HAND HEADINGS**

Professional curtain makers can only achieve successful buckram headings through thought and good pattern placement. During Day One, students will complete a sample interlined curtain, incorporating triple, double and goblet pleats. The group will also discuss details for a cutaway goblet-pleated heading.

#### **DAY TWO - ROMAN BLIND**

Our Roman blind has no visible machine stitching on the front, setting it ahead of any competition. During this session, students will complete a fully-operational, interlined Roman blind measuring approximately 70 x 100 cms. We will cover all of the techniques used to make blinds, including accurate measuring, estimating and cutting. Finally, students will make a fabric covered batten from which to hang the blind, leaving with it fully corded up and ready for use.

#### **DAY THREE - HARDBOARD PELMETS**

Students will design their own pelmet, cut it out of hardboard and then construct the finished item with a piped lower edge. The group will then discuss design details and embellishments.

#### **DAY FOUR - SWAGS AND TAILS**

This session will begin with a discussion about suitability of swags and tails, fabric, proportions, construction and fixings. Students will then use pinnable boards to create their own swag template and complete a piped swag. Finally students will prepare and discuss their tail template to complete at home.

#### **DAY FIVE - SMALL BUSINESS SESSION**

A comprehensive business session encompassing all aspects of running your own business including:

- advice on pricing
- insurance and fire requirements
- client liaison
- presentation of estimates

*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\****