

BALWYN

COMMUNITY CENTRE

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French Polishing/Furniture Restoration Class

Materials List

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Requirements:

- Old/Protective clothing
- Rubber gloves, if necessary
- Old cloths or paper towelling
- Newspaper or drop sheet
- Icecream containers or similar
- Glass jar with the airtight lids, 2 medium size
- Methylated spirits, 1 litre
- Mineral turpentine, 1 litre
- Linseed oil – raw or boiled – 100mls
- Paint scraper – flat bladed
- Paint brush – 45 to 60 mm approx, in good condition
- Paint stripper – methylene chloride based only – if your item of furniture is painted or finished with a material other than French polish
- Steel wool – fine and medium (00 & 1)
- Sandpaper – 1 recommend only Dri-Lube or similar, which is always in white. 1 sheet each of 200 or 400 approx.
- Cork sanding block
- French polish 500ml OR shellac flakes
- Clean lint-free cloth for polishing (cotton or linen NO synthetic fabric or knitted fabric)
- Unbleached cotton wadding (may be obtained from tutor)
- Tools to remove any hardware from furniture

Course Objective:

To develop students' interest, skills and appreciation of furniture, restoration and polishing

Course Content:

- Group discussion on polishing, restoration and furniture items brought by participants.
- Strip off old finish, assess article and effect minor repairs as may be necessary. Own tools required.
- Repolish furniture.
- Discuss outcome, i.e. results, faults, remedies, etc.

