

LEARN SECRETS

progressive woodworking courses suitable for beginners

get the skills and discover the amazing potential of steam-bending wood and other brilliant processes



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How to use local wood Thursday 24th March

A complete introduction how to source, process, dry and use local trees. Make an amazing fruitbowl using hazel felled 50m from the workshop.

New Green Woodwork Friday 25th March

Extravaganza of steam-bending using freshly cut green wood. Harvest and learn to bend, twist, split and squash wood, take home a useful new product designed by you.

Beginners Steam-Bending Thursday 2nd June

Ideal experience/taster for beginners and enthusiasts. Learn the basics from first principles and take home a steam-bent gift made by you!

Chair-In-A-Day Friday 3rd June

Make a fabulous and unique chair, take home a beautiful and useful work of art. Experiment with a range of processes, apply first coat of oil before you leave.

Free Bending Thursday 9th June

Learn the secrets of how to bend complex 3D shapes with your hands. The most dramatic steam-bending method, make a sculpture to take home.

Compression Straps Friday 10th June

Learn the theory and practice of compression straps including multi-plane bends. Bend 50mm thick sections of wood, make a very impressive gift to take home.

Hot Laminating Thursday 16th June

Do not be constrained by the conventional structural/practical limitations of wood. Exploit the heat and moisture from steam-bending to achieve exceptional bonds.

Follow-on Steam Bending Friday 17th June

A refresher and trouble-shooting session to take your work to the next level. A great chance to bend-wood, make new jigs and talk about new ideas with others.

7th Annual Professional Steam Bending Course 9th - 11th July

The most comprehensive steam-bending course available world-wide. Maximum 6 places, bespoke element for individual needs/development. Includes the basics and techniques on all other courses, plus more. Includes the 90 page course handbook so you do not need to make any notes. Make a unique product/sculpture, a chair and a steam-chamber to take home. *Three full days £800 includes food, accommodation, refreshments and all materials*

Longboard Making 5th August

Make a unique skateboard, visit the best spots in Cumbria, sliders welcome! Choose from laminated or innovative solid designs, experiment with new shapes.

Introduction for Furniture Makers (near Brighton BN9 9BL) 13th August

A comprehensive introduction for furniture makers, steam-bending as 'a useful tool in the box'. Design techniques for working in 3D and tips on designing complex shapes.

Teaching day at Charlie Whinney Studio (max 10 people)
10am - 5pm £125 includes refreshments and all materials

Weekend Workshop opening for further experimentation (£35 per person, min five people)

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Charlie Whinney has taught steam bending for 8 years to students from 11 countries and at UK universities, commissions include large scale installations in the V&A museum and around the world