



Simply Upholstery Leather Course



Programme

Join us for coffee before the course starts

Welcome to Leather Wise and introductions

A chance to learn a little about each other...

Where does it all begin and why do we inherit problems?

The skins and hides we use are sourced from many places and can be subject to natural and manmade damage. We will look at some typical problems.

Why do we make upholstery leather from cowhide?

There are many reasons for choosing certain hides and skins for making different types of leather. We will look at the various attributes and pitfalls, particularly those affecting the manufacturing process.

Time for a well earned cuppa!

Visit to the British School of Leather Technology to see how we make leather and ensure its fitness for purpose

We will visit a small scale tannery and follow the leather making process stages. Then we will look at the physical testing of leather and microscopy techniques used for quality assurance and solving problems that occur.

Buffet lunch (and time to phone work!)

Recap on key leather production stages and all the associated industry jargon

Once we have seen the various stages of leather production and looked at the laboratories you will realise how complex leather making is. We will briefly review the main production stages then look in more detail at the different types of leather we can produce: aniline, semi-aniline, pigmented, nubuck, suede, bi-cast, oily pull-ups etc.

Time for another cuppa!

What do we officially mean by the term 'Leather'? How can we look after it and what issues are there for those involved in Quality Assurance and Customer Services ?

We all take leather for granted and use it everyday, but do we really know what it is and what characteristics it has? For anyone using and supplying leather and leather products it is important to understand what you can (and can't) do legally. This also leads us to consider what happens when it all goes wrong? We will use examples to illustrate typical problems that you might encounter.

Time to go home after a busy day!

Things you need to know:

- Arrival and coffee at 09.15
- Course starts 09.30
- Buffet lunch included
- Course finishes 16.30 (unless we talk a lot!)
- Please wear 'sensible' footwear as the tannery floor can be wet and slippery
- Let us know if you have any special needs – dietary/access etc.

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