

As a **Cutter** you would measure, prepare and cut fabrics, as a **Sewing Machinist** you would prepare and sew components and as an **Upholsterer** you would add padding and soft covers to furniture.

In each job role you would work with textiles, design and colour in order to prepare, cover or re-cover items with materials such as leather, suede or cotton. These jobs are ideal for those that enjoy practical, hands on work and have an interest in style and design, plus an eye for detail and the ability to work accurately with measurements. You'll also need to be patient and persevere to make sure your work is finished to a high standard.

Skills, interests and qualities

- the ability to take accurate measurements and work out amounts of materials
- good attention to detail
- practical skills
- patience and perseverance
- safety-awareness
- self-motivation and the ability to work without supervision and good business skills (if self-employed)



What training will I receive?

As an apprentice **Cutter, Sewing Machinist or Upholsterer** you will be employed in an industry which offers training in a variety of skills and methods which are essential to the manufacture of domestic and commercial furniture.

The training on offer is varied and dependent on the job role may cover the following : Use of tools and equipment, to enable you to carry out tasks such as: material selection, laying out materials ready for cutting, marking materials to correct dimensions and cutting those materials accurately, lay/batch cutting, the fabric marking process and general fault identification. Preparing sewing items ready for upholstery or filling to the correct dimensions and ensuring those components match accurately if patterned. Also pre-upholstery and the fixing of springs and webbing into the furniture frames. You will have basic or detailed instruction on the final covering process which could use soft fabrics, such as plain and patterned materials or leather (a skill which would involve learning about the antiquing process). Apprentices should be prepared to work to company quality standards and demonstrate a degree of attention to detail.



When do I attend training?

Training can be organised to suit the needs of employers and can consist of attending on a day release or block release five times per year.

What will I get at the end of my programme?

Throughout your training programme you will need to prove your ability in at least two of the following requirements:-

- Cut Fabrics and Components
 - Frame Construction
 - Sewn / Seamed Components
 - Suspensions and Foundations
 - Upholstery
 - Loose Covers
 - Repair
- **Plus** Three additional requirements chosen by the employer from the following: Jigs and Templates, Produce Templates, Resolve Faults in Leather, Filling Materials, Fit Mechanical or Electrical Components, Cushions and Padded Items, Frame Finishes, Trimmings and Finishings, Strip Down Furniture.
 - **Plus** improving Functional Skills in English and maths (where appropriate)

On successful completion you will have achieved the Level 2 Standard in Modern Upholstery

Progression Opportunities

You could be employed in craft workshops, by furniture manufacturers, or be self-employed.

If you work for manufacturers and other large businesses, you may be able to progress to a supervisory or management position once you have experience. If you are self-employed, progression will involve building up a good reputation so that you can get regular work.

How do I apply?

There are several ways to apply:

- contact the recruitment team on 0115 9677771 or write to us at WEBS Training Ltd The Poplars Wollaton Road Beeston NG9 2PD
- submit an enquiry via the website at www.webstraining.com
- e.mail us at info@webstraining.com

