



Twig Furniture: Rustic Armchair

With Kapristo Mountain Woodcraft



Wednesday, August 20, 2008 - 9:00 am – 5:30 pm
Cost: \$215 (includes GST & materials)

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Bring your own tools.

At the Muskoka Place Gallery

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Building a Rustic Armchair Course Description

In this one-day workshop, participants learn the basic techniques to build an armchair in the bent-willow style. Each student will build an armchair to take home at the end of the day.

The workshop begins with a short introductory talk about the instructor's experience with rustic furniture building. We will discuss safety and the proper use of tools, the collection of raw materials and finishing techniques.



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If students are experienced in the use of a drill and hammer they can expect to finish their chair before the end of the day. Novice builders can expect their chair to be at least 75% complete by the end of the workshop, and they will have the skills, confidence and materials with which to complete their chair in a few hours at home.

Students are welcome to bring a friend to assist them in the afternoon, when a second pair of hands can make the work easier and quicker.

The workshop fee includes all materials. A Student Tool list is provided at registration. No previous woodworking experience is required. Students must be in good health and able to perform moderate manual labor.

This workshop is a rigorous but rewarding eight hours. From past experience we can promise students that they will go home tired but happy with their new skills and chair.

Course Tool List

Hammer and Nail Punch

Should be a medium weight hammer. Students will be driving 1" to 2" finish nails. A tack hammer is too small but neither do you want a huge framing hammer. Medium nail punch.

Clippers

One pair of pruning clippers.

Tape Measure

Minimum 10 feet long. .75" wide is fine but 1" wide is ideal.

Razor knife

Heavy-duty, metal-bodied knife with a new blade. A drywall knife is perfect. No plastic handles please.

Drill, bits, extension chord

You will need a lightweight, variable speed reversible drill with 3/8" chuck capacity. Students will be drilling with one hand so they need to be comfortable with the weight of the drill. Battery drills are not strong enough unless they have at least 9 volt capacity with extra battery and a charger in good condition. I will rent each of my three drills on a first come basis for a \$10.00 charge. Please arrange for this ahead of time! Drilling bits: bring four @ 5/64", two @ 3/32", two @ 1/8". Driver bits: IN CANADA, bring one #2 ROBERTSON driver bit. IN THE USA, bring one #2 PHILLIPS driver bit. Bring an extension cord at least six meters (15 feet) long.

Optional

Quick-Grip mini-bar clamp, 6" - 7" opening, strongly recommended. If wrist strength is an issue, this makes the work much easier. Students are welcome to invite a friend to help them for the last 4 hours of the day and many students who are unfamiliar with power tools find that the job of wrapping the benders around the frame is greatly eased with an extra set of hands or a Quick-Grip clamp.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions about the Tool List or any other aspect of the workshop: E: info@kmw.ca P: 250-344-6734