



CERTIFICATED MEMBERS – KIDNEY SHAPED STOOL

Practical Test – each area is marked out of 20 – maximum 100

A traditionally upholstered Kidney shaped stool top, using the best materials and finished up to calico. The stool should be a minimum size of 15” x 10”, made by you and bought to the exam completed.

1. The base of the stool should be cut out so the webbing and hessian can be seen.
2. The height of the stool is up to the applicant but must have a minimum of – 2x blind, 2x top and feather edge using linen twine.
3. It must have a chamfered edge to take tacks.

It will be marked on 5 areas:

1. Quality of materials.
2. Even over-hang of stitched edge, following the shape of base accurately.
3. Even firmness of first stuffing.
4. Firmness of stitched edge.
5. Quality of stitching / work

The examination committee may partially take apart to examine if required.

Written Test – each question is given 2 marks, giving a maximum of 50; the result is then doubled to give a percentage.

Questions will be from the following topics:

- Techniques
- Materials
- Furniture history – periods and dates
- Sewing machines – threads, needles etc
- Tools
- Health and safety
- Fabrics

There will be 25 questions requiring short answers and applicants will be given 30 minutes to complete the exam.

The two percentages are added together and divided by two to give the final mark. The pass mark is 75%.

The exam and marking of the stool will normally take place at the AGM which is held at the beginning of October each year.