



Edwardian Whimsical Toy-Making

Instructor:

Master Toymaker Tinker Tall

Location:

Exeter

Course Type:

Heritage Crafts

Cost:

£75.00

Learning Objectives

- Learn the art of crafting vintage toys using traditional techniques
- Understand the historical context of Edwardian toys and their cultural impact
- Develop fine motor skills through detailed toy-making processes
- Explore creative design thinking and personal expression through toy customization
- Gain knowledge of sustainable materials and practices in toy-making

Provided Materials

- Wooden blocks
- Paints and brushes
- String and fabric
- Carving tools
- Historical toy design templates

Skills Developed

Craftsmanship

Historical Knowledge

Creative Expression

Sustainability

Fine Motor Skills

Course Description

Dive into the delightful world of Edwardian toys with Master Toymaker Tinker Tall in this charming class that combines history, craftsmanship, and whimsy. Students will step back in time to explore the playful elegance of Edwardian toy-making, learning the secrets behind beloved vintage creations such as wooden puppets, marionettes, and spinning tops. Master Tinker Tall will guide participants through the intricate process of designing and crafting their own whimsical toys using authentic techniques passed down through generations. The class begins with an enlightening session on the historical significance of Edwardian toys, revealing their role in societal joy and childhood development during the early 20th century. Students will then roll up their sleeves to engage in practical crafting, starting with basic wood carving and painting. Using provided materials such as wooden blocks, paints, and fabric, participants will create their own unique toys, imbued with personal flair and creative expression. Alongside learning the delicate art of toy customization, students will gain insights into sustainable crafting practices, utilizing eco-friendly materials and techniques that ensure their creations are both charming and responsible. By the end of the class, participants will have honed their fine motor skills and developed an understanding of how toys can tell stories and evoke joy, leaving with their very own Edwardian masterpiece to cherish or gift to a loved one. Join us in Exeter for this nostalgic and soul-nourishing journey into the world of whimsical toy-making.