



### What is it?

Donated items and furniture are transformed into bespoke, hand finished pieces.

### What is involved?

At the start of the project you will choose an item to upcycle and the tutor/staff member will discuss the different colour and finish options available. There is also a portfolio of furniture upcycling ideas that you may use for inspiration.

Depending on the piece of furniture chosen, this may need to be sanded, painted, waxed or varnished. You may also use ready-made stencils or carbon paper to create your own design. Upcycled products are then sold in the Acorn shop.

### What skills are learned?

- Grading of sandpaper and when to use each grade to get a specific finish
- Operating the electric sander in a safe manner
- Working with different paints such as chalk and eggshell
- Techniques such as distressing, decoupage, upholstery and stencilling
- Applying waxes and learning how each colour gives a specific finish
- Upholstering chairs and stools and using upholstery tools safely and correctly.