



# Handicraft Programme

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**The Handicraft Programme is a vocational programme that leads to a vocational diploma.**

The programme is intended for students who wish to work in a creative handicrafts area. You can choose handicrafts from many different industries.

You can start working immediately after you finish your programme, or continue your studies in vocational higher education. You can also choose to study additional courses to be eligible for further studies in higher education.

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## FIVE DIFFERENT ORIENTATIONS

### Cabinet making

- You learn about manufacturing methods, tools, machines and materials. The orientation enables you to work as e.g. a boat builder, interior carpenter, cabinetmaker or in sales of wood and building material.

### Floristry

- You learn about cut flowers and how to combine different materials to create floral arrangements, and about potted plants. The orientation enables you to work as e.g. a florist.

### Hairdressing

- You learn different styles, techniques, and about tools and materials. The orientation enables you to work as e.g. a hairdressing trainee.

### Textile design

- You learn manufacturing methods, construction and about tools, machines and materials. The orientation enables you to work as e.g. a purchasing assistant, dressmaker, or in textiles and clothes.

### Other handicrafts

- You learn manufacturing methods, techniques and about tools and materials in your chosen profile. The orientation enables you to work as e.g. a glass-blower, blacksmith, gold or silversmith, potter, saddler, chimney sweep, hair and make-up stylist, upholsterer or watchmaker.

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## This is what you learn from the programme

In the programme, you learn about the handicraft process, design, running a business and service. You learn to transform ideas into finished products, and assess the materials and machines you need. You also learn how to assess financial profitability.

**How the programme is organised**

In the vocational programmes, the foundation subjects are: English, history, physical education and health, mathematics, natural sciences, religion, social studies, and Swedish or Swedish as a second language. In the vocational programmes, you study more vocational subjects – subjects specific to the programme – and fewer of the subjects you studied in compulsory school.

The programme specific subjects are: entrepreneurship, handicrafts and handicraft studies.

You get the opportunity to specialise and further broaden your knowledge in the programme. This is referred to as "programme specialisation". Check with the school to find out what specialisation courses it offers.

You also have an individual option where you can choose what you want to study. Ask the school what courses it provides.

**Working approaches**

In the programme, you develop what is most important for a craftsman – the handicraft process itself. This means being able to identify customer needs, plan, choose and manage tools correctly, choose appropriate materials and techniques, carry out and report work, and also analyse and assess results.

**Diploma project**

Towards the end of the Handicraft Programme, you complete a diploma project in the handicraft area you chose where you can demonstrate that you have the knowledge needed to start working in the area.

**Workplace-based learning**

Parts of the education take place at one or several workplaces for a period of at least 15 weeks and are referred to as workplace-based learning (APL). This is an important component of the education. APL gives you the experience and contacts that can be useful when you're applying for a job.

**Apprenticeship education**

If the school provides upper secondary apprenticeship education in the programme, you can choose this. It means that you get the same knowledge but do at least half of your education at one or several workplaces.

**Some points to think about**

If you want to get basic eligibility for higher education, it is important that you plan your studies in advance. You need to study two more courses in Swedish or Swedish as a second language, and a course in English. You always have the right to choose an individual option, and you can also choose an expanded programme. Talk to your study and vocational guidance counsellor if you want to continue your studies.

You always have the right to choose another course in physical education and health, and an aesthetic course in the individual option.