# **Introduction to CNC Routers**

COURSE OUTLINE





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Catalog Number	8160-0002	
Category	CNC	
Duration	12 Hours	
Software Supplied	VCarve Pro Router Cutting and Design Software Mach3 Router Control Software	

## **LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO CNC**

• Duration: 2 Hrs

#### **Outline:**

1 Introduction to CNC	4 Setup and Tooling
What can I make with a CNC?	Setting Up the Router Hardware
What is CNC?	Fixtures and Spoilboards
CAD - Computer Aided Design	Dust Collection
CAM - Computer Aided Manufacturing	Workholding
CNC - Machining the Part	Installing the Material
CNC Control	Tooling
	Chipload
2 Coordinate Systems	Depth of Cut
Coordinate Systems	Installing the Tool
Coordinate Measurement	E Sotting The Origin
Origins and Axes	5 Setting The Origin
Three-Dimensional Measurement	Setting the Work Origin
Coordinates and CNC Programming	CNC Control
Editing CNC Programs	
The Right-Hand Rule	6 Running a Sample Program
2 Using the CNC Deuter Cafely	Setting up the CNC Router
3 Using the CNC Router Safely	Cutting the Part
Introduction	Loading the G-Code
Machining Safety	Testing the Program
	Running the Program
	7 CNC Code Reference



## **PROJECT 1: 3D SIGN**

• Duration: 2 Hrs

#### Outline:

1 Drawing with VCarve PRO	4 Setting up the CNC Router
Creating a drawing file	Setting up the CNC Router
The Drawing panel	Loading the G-Code
Drawing the Outer border	Preparing for the Dry Run
Drawing the border	Dry Run the Program
Adding text	
Aligning text	5 Cutting the Part
Adding 3D Objects	Cutting the Pocket
2 Setting up Toolpaths	Cutting the 3D Paths Cutting the Outside Border
Setting up the Material	Removing the Part
Setting up the Tool	Finishing the Part
Adding Tabs	
Adding Tabs	
Previewing the Toolpath	
3 Setting up the Toolpaths	
Creating the Pocket Toolpath	
Creating the 3D Finishing Toolpath	
Creating the Border Toolpath	
Saving Toolpaths for CNC	



## **PROJECT 2: CLOCK**

• Duration: 2 hrs

#### Outline:

1 Creating a drawing file	3 Setting up the CNC Router
Setting up the Drawing	Setting up the CNC Router
Drawing the Clock Face	Loading the G-Code
Drawing the Interior Art	Preparing for the Dry Run
Shaping the Base of the Clock Face	Dry Run the Program
Drawing the Base	
	4 Cutting the Part
2 Creating and Saving Toolpaths	Cutting the Pocket
Creating the Toolpaths	Engraving Text
Setting up the Tool	Cutting the Outside Borders
	Removing the Part
	Assembling the Clock
	Finishing the Part

## **PROJECT 3: MAKERS LAB SIGN**

• Duration: 3 hrs

#### Outline:

1 Importing Artwork	4 Cutting the Part
Importing Artwork Setting up the file	Setting up the CNC Router Loading the G-Code Preparing for the Dry Run
2 Working with Vectors	Dry Run the Program
Working with Vectors Setting up the Tool	Cutting the Part Cutting the Outside Border Finishing the Part
3 Creating the Toolpaths	Removing the Part
Creating the Toolpaths Setting up an Engraving Tool Adding Color Previewing the Final Cut Saving Toolpaths for CNC	



## **PROJECT 4: 3D ROBOT**

• Duration: 1 hr

#### Outline:

Creating a Drawing Importing the 3D Object Drawing Vectors Creating Toolpaths Saving Toolpaths for CNC Cutting the Part Finishing the Part

## **PROJECT 5: MODEL DINOSAUR**

• Duration: 2 hrs

#### **Outline:**

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<b>Creating a Model Dinosaur</b> 3D Model Dinosaur Creating a Drawing Importing CAD Drawings Working with the CAD Drawings Drawing Assembly Slots	Laying Out the Drawing Creating Toolpaths Drawing Assembly Slots Loading the Toolpaths in Mach3 CNC Setting up the CNC Router Cutting the Part Finishing the Part
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