

Course Information Sheet

Silver Jewellery Beginners

Introduction

This course is aimed at total beginners, introducing them to a range of simple jewellery making techniques, enabling them to utilise their own creativity and make beautiful, individual jewellery to wear and enjoy. This course would suit anyone who would like to learn the basic principles of silver jewellery making and try out some simple techniques, using them to design and create their own jewellery. You do not need any previous experience, or to be especially 'arty'. You can work at your own pace in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

What are the course entry requirements?

Just an interest in trying out this craft. In every class there will be different levels of skill and experience. However, some courses need a certain level of prior knowledge or skill, without which it may not be possible for you to achieve. Please consider the following:

To get the best from this course you should be able to follow verbal and written instructions, including numerical information

How long is the course?

The course length may vary, but will usually be 8 weeks. Please see current brochure for details.

What will the course involve?

Techniques explored, explained and practiced include:

- Sawing
- Soldering
- Design
- Construction
- Decorative use of wire and a range of surface decoration techniques.

Students are encouraged to use their own creativity in designing their work and will also gain an understanding of the physical properties of this precious metal.

How will I be learning?

Following simple step by step instructions and demonstrations as well as sharing ideas with peers. A variety of handouts will be available and learners will be encouraged to keep notes and ideas as they develop their skills.

What equipment will I need?

Pen and paper for note taking. In the first class you will be advised as to any equipment and materials you may need.

How will I know if I am making progress?

Assessment on this course is informal and arises through discussion with your tutor and your own sense of achievement, satisfaction and fulfilment. You will be encouraged to keep simple records of your work. At the end of the course your achievement will be reviewed with your tutor.

What course work will I be expected to complete?

You will complete tasks each session that are relevant to the skills you are learning.

What can I expect to learn from this course?

Learners will be encouraged to identify and work on their own areas of interest.

Will I need to cover anything in addition to the course fee?

Silver and other materials can be bought during class. The silver to make a ring would cost approximately £2 to £4, a bangle £5 to £10, a pendant or earrings £1 - £4. You can buy your silver from college. Please bring an old shirt or an apron to wear to protect your clothes.

What other training programmes and progression opportunities are there?

Many students continue to attend this class to practice and develop their skills. Some choose to move to the Intermediate class. Either course could be your first step towards a formal qualification in design.

If you require in-depth advice on progression opportunities or guidance on career choices please contact our Information Advice and Guidance Officers on 0845 600 1331. For general information about other courses, contact us on the same number or check out the website www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning