

Part Time Jewellery Making Course.

Information, Structure, Terms and Conditions

If you are interested in jewellery making this course will provide you with hands on experience, knowledge, training and creative therapy. You will learn a huge range of techniques most of which have been around for centuries and are still used in the jewellery industry today.

The course is run one day a month at Wendy's studio at 9.30 until 12.30 or 1.30 – 4.30 (may run over for ½ hour). The course also entails a few hours of practical and design work at home. All details of each session is outlined online.

The course is split into 12 sessions with the last session being optional. Each session is designed to be done in order so that your understanding and experience of the different techniques will develop over the course.

Wendy has decided to make this course an amazing experience for you as a student, as such there are only 2 or 3 students per class. This means that with all the amount of personal tuition and less waiting time for equipment you will be able to produce items very productively and create many finished items. Some items may need to be finished at home or in another session if we have run out of time but the aim is to have 1 finished item per session.

Once you sign up for the course your place is secured and you are committed to attend all 11 sessions. You will be charged for remaining sessions if you decide to drop out of the course part way through. It is recommended to have already attended one of Wendy's jewellery workshops prior to signing up for the course if you are unsure.

Payment for each session is made on the day by cash or Bacs. Each session costs £100 which includes material costs. However, there may be some design options you may want to choose which would involve using different or more materials which will be an extra cost.

All tuition is led by Award Winning Wendy Kemp who has over 25 years of experience as a professional designer jeweller. Wendy graduated from The School of Jewellery in Birmingham in 1996 with a First Class Honours Degree in Jewellery and Silversmithing and is also a qualified gemmologist having qualified from the Gemmological Association and Gem Testing Laboratory in 2000.

All classes take place in Wendy's professional jewellery studio in Crowborough, East Sussex where Wendy also runs jewellery workshops and where she also sells her own work.

In the course you will have the opportunity to add your own 'style' onto the designs or copy one of Wendy's samples however you cannot copy one of Wendy's pieces from her designer retail collections. You will be encouraged to develop your own style and although you can copy Wendy's samples for the course you cannot reproduce these to sell in the future.

You will need some basic essential jewellery equipment which you need to bring along to each session. This 'starter kit' can be purchased in the first session (excluding the bench peg). This will include a bench peg, needle files, emery paper, emery stick, piercing saw and saw blades. You will be responsible for replacing your own saw blades.

You may also like to purchase at some point in the course a toolbox and a selection of pliers which Wendy can help you purchase. Wendy can also help you to purchase some basic soldering equipment if you wish to make more items at home when you have become more confident.

You will be using Wendy's own professional tools which will need to be used in the correct way to prevent any damage. Wendy will guide you step by step and ensure you have a full understanding of how to use equipment and tools safely which you will follow to ensure your own safety.

Please bring the following with you to every session: Glasses if you wear them, masks for enamel work, ear plugs for hammering, wear closed toed shoes and hair must be tied back and wear clothes without dangly bits at the neck.

