

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

3D6785 TWISTED WIRE RINGS AND BRACELETS

Tutor: BELINDA HAGER

Dates: 3 DAYS MONDAY 6 MARCH – THURSDAY 9 MARCH

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course uses simple techniques to create a range of interesting twisted wires that can be used to make rings and bracelets. From beginner level upwards, you will learn how to shape wire using draw plates, hand drills, swage blocks and rolling mills, using copper wire to experiment with a variety of twisting methods. Beginners will learn the basics of jewellery making while concentrating on simple, but pleasing, designs. Those with experience will be encouraged to make more elaborate and complex designs.

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

A subject focused course that is delivered to suit any level of experience from beginner to advanced practitioner. A structured start is followed by guided independent practice.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Belinda Hager has been making and exhibiting contemporary jewellery for 25 years. She studied at the Sir John Cass School of Art and worked in traditional jewellery workshops, before setting up her own workshop and gallery in New Zealand. In 2008 Belinda returned to the UK to study Conservation of Metalwork at West Dean College, and now divides workshop time between her jewellery and conservation practices. She is also the associate tutor in the Conservation of Metalwork Department at West Dean College.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Monday 6 March

From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students
6.45pm	Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner
7.00pm	Dinner
8.00pm – 9.00pm	First teaching session – attendance is an essential part of the course

Other days: Tuesday 7 March – Wednesday 8 March

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue
5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner
8.00pm	Evening working – workshops are available up to 10pm for those wishing to work on providing this has been discussed with the tutor. These sessions are untutored.

Departure day: Thursday 9 March

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.00pm	Classes finish
3.30pm	Tea then departure

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

For any materials you need to purchase from the shop, we suggest you do so during the first morning of your course, after having discussed with your tutor.

Materials included in the course fee:

Copper wire to experiment with.

Available from the Shop:

Additional copper wire and silver wire

The tutor will also have a stock of silver wires that can be purchased at the College Craft Shop prices.

Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

Round silver wire up to 2mm in diameter (approximately 20cm) and/or D-shape silver wire up to 5mm wide (approximately 10cm).

Yellow or red/rose gold round wire – up to 1mm diameter (approximately 20cm).

Note: Because of the nature of the technique being taught, precise measurements of metal are difficult to dictate. These lengths are estimated for making rings. Bracelets require approximately 2.5-3.5 times the length.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Students may work unsupervised on agreed projects once they have satisfied the tutor as to their competence. There may be restrictions on the equipment available to students in the tutor's absence. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.