

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

ID6581 GLASS BEADMAKING – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: BARBARA MASON

Date: 1 DAY MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Learn how to make glass beads, both plain and decorated, so that you can incorporate them at home into unique jewellery. You are introduced to the method of safely working hot glass in the flame and learn step by step how beads are made.

You are introduced to using the torch safely. The method of work is by tutor demonstration, followed by practice, so that you learn in small steps. The first items that are made are glass drops that can be mounted to make pendants for necklaces or earrings.

The next step is to learn to make a simple bead. The tutor will demonstrate how a bead is made and you can then make lots until you are happy with the process. Then the fun starts with decoration techniques!

You will have a choice of coloured glass to use and an opportunity to try out several combinations, making about 20 beads, depending on speed of work and bead size.

By the end of the day you will have a grasp of working hot glass safely in a torch flame and have gained in confidence during the day to become comfortable with the beadmaking process. By the end of the day the therapeutic effects of working hot glass in the torch flame should be apparent and you will have some glass items to make into jewellery.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

Starting points. For those with little or no experience who want to go back to basics and would like a structured introduction to a subject.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Barbara Mason has made lampwork glass beads since 1997, having studied with several American glass bead artists during this time. She sells her work at specialist shows.

TIMETABLE:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
5.00pm	Classes finish

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.

Materials included in the course fee:

All materials are included in the course fee, except jewellery findings.

Available from the Shop:

A limited range of findings and wires

Available from the tutor:

Bell caps for the drops, first few free

Please bring any of the above, if you have them.

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.

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