

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID07886 GLASS BEADS – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: SARAH DOWNTON

Date: 1 DAY THURSDAY 24 MAY

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Learn the basics of making glass beads in the flame using a gas torch, coloured glass rods and simple decorative techniques to make a variety of plain and patterned beads. These beads can be used at home to make beautiful jewellery. You will have an introduction to the processes and materials used and to safe working practice.

Learning is done in incremental steps with tutor demonstration followed by student practice. You will be shown how to light and use the torch and heat the glass safely, then make drops that can be used to make pendants or earrings, and stringers that could be used to decorate your beads later.

You will be shown how to make your first plain glass bead and can make several until you are more relaxed about the process. You will progress to simple decorative techniques using a choice of coloured glass and frit and will be able to experiment with several colours and combinations.

We will discuss tips for making better beads, and a variety of books and the tutor's beads will be available to view for inspiration.

By the end of the day you will have made up to 18 beads, depending on bead size and individual speed of work. Your beads and drops can be made into jewellery at home.

You will have gained some confidence to make beads in the flame independently and have a basic appreciation of the process and design of lampworked glass beads including the attributes of the 'perfect bead'.

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:

Sarah started making glass beads in 2002 and teaching beadmaking in 2006. She sells at bead and art fairs, is a City and Guilds qualified teacher and four times judge of the British Bead Awards. She is a member of the Surrey Guild of Craftsmen (where she sells her work), Glass Beadmakers UK and the International Society of Glass Beadmakers.

TIMETABLE:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch (included)
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 and fuel are included in the course fee, except jewellery findings.

Available from the Shop:

A small range of findings and wires

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

Please wear comfortable natural fibre clothing e.g. cotton or bring something cotton to cover clothes and arms. An apron or old cotton shirt can help protect against burning little holes.

Please wear closed shoes, no bare feet or flip flops

Please bring something to tie or clip back long hair

Reading glasses if you need them

Notebook or pad

Pen and pencil

Jam jar

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor will instruct students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Please note that tutor supervision is required at all times when students work in this workshop. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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