

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SWE08080 PASSEMENTERIE – SMALL TASSELS FOR BAGS AND KEY FOBS

Tutor: ANNA CRUTCHLEY

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 24 AUGUST – SUNDAY 26 AUGUST

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

In this course you will learn the traditional techniques for making tassels, but with distinctly contemporary, decorative features which will give your work an individual touch. Working with wooden tassel moulds and fine rayon yarns in a glorious colour range, techniques will include how to cover the tassel mould vertically with yarn, make twisted bullion or plain cut skirts, and decorate the skirts with beads and/or feathers. Techniques for making twisting cord using a special four-hook cordwinding tool will also be explored.

The course is suitable for all abilities from starters up to those who have taken a related course and have existing skills. All techniques will be demonstrated and carefully explained. All that is required is an ability to work with fine yarns and on a small scale.

Expect to complete one or two tassels during the course.

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:

Anna Crutchley originally trained in woven textiles and makes passementerie (furnishing trimmings) for heritage organisations, interior decorators, soft furnishers, furniture restorers and upholsterers. She produces both traditional and contemporary designs, and is author of a popular book on tassel making.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Friday 24 August

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. A studio based session.

Other days: Saturday 25 August

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: Sunday 26 August

(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

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

No preparation is required for this class. Materials such as tassel moulds, yarns, beads and feathers will be available on the course, but students are also welcome to bring along their own collections of beads and feathers if they have them.

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.

Additional charge:

On this course the tutor will supply the materials, which students can buy at cost. This charge of between £10 and £20 depending on the materials used should be paid to the tutor before the end of the course, by cash or cheque.

Available from the Shop:

The West Dean workshop makes wooden warping posts and warping frames especially for the course and which are available for sale from the shop.

Available from the tutor:

Yarns, tassel moulds, bullion twine, beads and feathers

The tutor will bring extra materials which students may buy for further work at home, including the Anna Crutchley Cordtwister

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

Scissors (one large and one small pair of SHARP scissors)

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.