

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID08418: SILVER LEAF EARRINGS OR PENDANT – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: ABIGAIL BROWN

Date: 1 DAY SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course will enable both beginners and those with some experience in working with metal the opportunity to create at least one pair of earrings or a pendant utilising the techniques of piercing, reticulation, forming and patination (optional). By manipulating the metal using cutting and hammering this simple technique can be used to create a stylish pair of earrings or a pendant.

During the course you will be shown how to cut, reticulate, heat, hammer and finish sheet metal, and to manipulate wire.

The level of experience and complexity of ideas affects what can be achieved in the time but you can complete at least one pair of earrings or a pendant. The techniques are taught through practical demonstrations with the emphasis on encouraging you to have a go and to develop your own ideas.

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

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

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Abigail Brown is an internationally recognised artist silversmith and jeweller based in Cornwall. She has been producing contemporary designs in silverware and jewellery for 13 years and has had work exhibited at venues including the Victoria & Albert Museum, the Saatchi Gallery, Goldsmiths' Hall and the German Goldsmiths' House in Hanau. Abigail has been teaching jewellery and silversmithing techniques for ten years, most recently at Falmouth University and West Dean. She is a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' and in 2015 was awarded the Bavarian States Prize in Munich.

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

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Practical clothing/apron/footwear for use in the workshop at all times. For example: no long loose sleeves or dangly jewellery and long hair must be tied back to avoid catching in machinery or gas flames; shoes should not have high heels or open toes.

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

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

Materials included in the course fee:

Materials and tools required to make one pair of earrings or a pendant are included in the course fee.

If you have time to make more than one item you can purchase silver from the College Shop. You can also bring your own silver sheet if you wish for additional items should the time allow for this – dimensions for silver required are: 40x55mm 0.6mm sterling silver sheet, 80mm 0.8mm round wire.

Available from the Shop:

A limited supply of sterling silver in a variety of forms: sheet, wire and tubing.

There are basic tool kits for hire from the College Shop, who also stock a range of tools and consumables such as saw blades, drills and abrasive materials. If you have any tools of your own, please bring them with you (and ensure they are marked with your name).

The College Shop also stocks a good range of art materials.

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

Sketchbook and/or technical notebook

Pens pencils and drawing materials

Sensible footwear

Apron

Leaf shapes for inspiration if you don't want to use the tutor's template

USEFUL ADDRESSES

Silver supplier:

Argex Limited

130 Hockley Hill

Birmingham

B18 5AN

Tel: 0121 248 4344

Tools, Precious Metal:

Cookson Precious Metals

49 Hatton Garden

London

EC1N 8YS

Tel: 020 7400 6500

Clear and user-friendly website. www.cooksongold.com (if you order online before 1pm, goods are *usually* sent by special delivery the next day).

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

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 and an apron, is provided by the College.