

Making Silver Jewellery with bezel set cabochon stones Machi De Waard

9th - 10th Jun 2018
Saturday to Sunday

On this course, you will learn how to bezel set a stone on to a piece of silver jewellery you will make. Learn the techniques of piercing, shaping, filing, hammering, soldering and finishing as you make a simple silver ring. We will add a bezel setting on to your ring and then set the stone in the ring. We will then progress on to making a pendant, exploring texturing options and making bails. The pendant will also have a bezel set stone, allowing you to practice your new skill.

Description

This course aim to cover the basic techniques of jewellery making while adding a level of complexity by introducing stone setting. We will make a ring and discuss ways to size rings and design options. This will include sawing, shaping, filing, hammering, soldering, cleaning and finishing the piece of jewellery before setting the stone. We will also learn what to do for stones that aren't totally flat on the bottom. We will then progress to making a pendant, learning how to saw and file shapes out of sheet, how to choose appropriate textures and how to design and make a bail for your pendant. The pendant will also have a bezel set stone, so you can practice your new skill. You can also make a second ring instead of a pendant if you wish. Time permitting, we will discuss embellishment options. If you have your own cabochon stone that you would like to set, please email the tutor to determine ahead of time if the stone is suitable: machidewaard@gmail.com. If you would like to progress in jewellery making, the tutor can advise of suitable classes.

Please bring with you

Cash for purchasing silver or copper

Small box or sealable bag to keep your jewellery and scraps in

Please note: Do not wear dangly clothes/jewellery that may be caught in machinery (and tie hair back). Wear closed shoes (no sandals). Dress for mess, as it will get dusty.

Apron (optional)

Available to purchase from the tutor

The tutor will have silver and copper available for the planned projects. Please note that metal prices change on a daily basis, so prices may change. The silver for the first two ring projects will be £8. The silver for the third project will either be £10 - £12 for a pendant, £6 - £8 for a ring, or £10 - £18 for a bangle. Time permitting, you may make another project. The tutor will have a limited amount of silver available to buy for extra projects. Please be advised the materials can only be paid for with cash, cheques cannot be accepted. If you would like to do a larger project or have questions about metal prices, please email the tutor before the class starts at machidewaard@gmail.com

Level

Course Location:

Missenden Abbey

Great Missenden
Buckinghamshire HP16 0BD

Saturday	
9.45am	Students arrive
10am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Sunday	
7.30-9.30am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Last teaching session

Suitable for all levels

About Machi De Waard

Machi has been designing and making jewellery for over 10 years. She has shown her work in galleries and exhibitions across the UK. An active member of the jewellery community, Machi combines running her own studio practice with teaching. She now teaches jewellery making in Chesham for Buckinghamshire Adult Learning and in her private studio in Reading. Previously, she was Artist in Residence at South Hill Park Arts Centre in Bracknell and also taught at Studio E174 in High Wycombe. Machi continues to make and exhibit her own work, expanding her range of modernist silver and gold jewellery. Machi's work can be seen on her website, www.machidewaard.co.uk

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