

Introduction to Silver Jewellery Making Machi De Waard

10th - 11th Aug 2017
Thursday to Friday

Course Location:

Missenden Abbey

Great Missenden
Buckinghamshire HP16 0BD

Thursday	
9am	Coffee on arrival
9.15am	Welcome and tutor introductions
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Teaching session
6.45 for 7pm	Dinner for residents
Friday	
7-9.15am	Breakfast for residents
9.30am-1pm	Teaching session
1-2pm	Lunch for all
2-5pm	Last teaching session

Learn the techniques of piercing, shaping, filing, hammering, soldering and finishing as you make a simple silver ring, then try out different texturing methods with a second piece of jewellery. No experience or artistic skills are necessary. You will be given instruction in the use of tools and equipment as the course progresses. Students can choose to work either in silver or they can work in copper. Silver is not included in the course cost.

Description

This course aims to teach students the basic principles of jewellery making. You will start by learning how to use the basic tools required to make jewellery, such as the piercing saw, benchpeg, pliers, hammers, mandrels and torch. The first project, a ring, will guide you through the fundamental techniques of jewellery making, such as piercing, shaping, filing, sanding, hammering, soldering and finishing. Once your first project is completed, we will expand into texturing techniques using hammers and the rolling mill. We will discuss how to design and plan your second project and depending on what you make, we will cover other techniques of jewellery making. You will leave with at least two finished pieces of jewellery in either copper or silver. The tutor can advise you on further courses to take if you would like to continue making jewellery. If you have questions before the class starts, please email the tutor at machidewaard@gmail.com

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)

Notebook for sketching designs (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 ring project will be £4. The silver for the second project will either be £15 for a pendant, £8 for a ring, or £10 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

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