

Mid Cornwall School of Jewellery

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Chain Making Class

This is a two day class.

This class is very 'hands-on' and you will be making silver chains within the first hour. You will be carefully guided in the use of all tools and various related safety issues. Your tutor will set you projects that are specifically chosen to give you a good understanding of basic skills as well as finished items of silver jewellery.

You pay for the silver that you use as you go along and the cost will depend on the type of chain and thickness of silver that you choose. Bracelets cost from around £5 and silver will be available from your tutor or you are welcome to bring your own materials.

You will have some design freedom within each project and there will be several different chain making projects to choose from, each with a different level of difficulty. You will be given class notes and useful addresses to take away with you.

There will be many samples of chain to look at and your tutor will explain the basic principles of construction with you. You will be covering loop-in-loop, curb, belcher, rope and other fancy link chains.

It is likely that some of your chain making will involve making jump rings. These will be available for sale but you will be encouraged to make at least a few by hand to improve your skills.

You will also learn to 'draw down' wire through draw plates to make various thicknesses. This course will involve lots of repetitive soldering, so you will gain lots of confidence and experience in this area. Polishing and finishing will also be covered.

Where possible you will make simple clasps or attach pre-made clasps which will be available for sale from your tutor. There are separate classes available to concentrate more fully on the process of making clasps and catches for jewellery.

Your tutor for this course is Lisa Cain

Things to consider before booking this course...

This course is suitable for those with previous experience or students who have completed our beginners silverwork class weekend.