

# Adult Learning - Course Information Sheet



## SDE7DA01 - Silver Ring Making Workshop

### Delapre Community Rooms

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Alton Street  
Northampton

NN4 8EN      **Room**

Start Date: 06 March 2022  
End Date: 06 March 2022  
Start Time: 10:00AM  
End Time: 4:00PM  
Day: Sunday  
Sessions: 1  
Tutor: Mrs Katherine Richmond

### Course aim

This course aims to introduce you to the basic silver smithing skills involved in making silver rings and is suitable for beginners and those with some experience of making jewellery. You will be guided through the steps to make a collection of stacking rings in silver and will experiment with and apply various manufacturing methods including twisting, hammering, texturing, rolling, forming, filing, piercing, soldering, polishing and finishing.

### Course Outcomes

1. Calculate the metal required to make a ring to a specific finger size
2. Add texture to the metal using the rolling mill and hammers
3. Demonstrate safe use of the piercing saw to cut the silver
4. Use a torch to safely solder the silver
5. Clean the silver to a professional finish using files and emery papers/polishing methods
6. Select appropriate tools and materials to make a small collection of around 3 stacking rings

### How will the course be taught?

The course will be taught through practical demonstration, 121 support, individual projects, handouts and group activities. It is a practical, hands on course where you will be able to explore using the wide range of tools and equipment used to make beaded jewellery and use them to create your own designs. Examples will be shown and you will also refer to other designer's work for inspiration. A small amount of optional homework will be set each week to enhance your experience of the course and develop your design skills.

### Could I gain a certificate?

At the end of the course you will receive a certificate of completion from your tutor.

### What do I need to bring / have ready?

All tools and resources will be provided, however if you do have your own tools you can bring these with you. Make sure that any tools you bring are clearly marked with your own initials. Please bring an apron with you if you have one, tie long hair back and avoid wearing loose clothing and open-toed shoes. You will be working on a small scale so it is advisable to bring your glasses with you. Sometimes reading glasses are not suitable for close-up work, however your local supermarket will often supply some off the shelf glasses that will be more effective. Magnifiers will be available to use should you need them. Hand dexterity is also required to manipulate the materials. A notebook and pen is useful to take notes.

### Further support and progression

If you need help whilst on a course with us, our Learner Support Advisor is available to discuss your needs. We offer a range of services, subject to eligibility, which can include practical support and/or financial assistance to ensure you feel fully supported while learning with us. For more information contact [alsreferrals@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:alsreferrals@northnorthants.gov.uk) or call 01604 368023 (answerphone available). Visit our website [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/course-info](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/course-info) for further information about our fees and concessions. Your tutor will inform you of further learning opportunities and progression during your course.

### Health & Safety / Online Safety

When you enrol, please let us know if you require additional personal support to participate in this course. Your tutor will give you information about Health and Safety on the first day. For information on how to keep safe online go to [https://safety.lovetoknow.com/Internet\\_Safety\\_Adult](https://safety.lovetoknow.com/Internet_Safety_Adult) and <https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/> national awareness campaign. To report suspected scams, or get help and advice about preventing scams call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

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### Further Information

Katherine is a professional jewellery designer/maker with a BA (hons) and MA (Distinction) in Jewellery and Silversmithing from Birmingham City University. She has been making for over 20 years and teaching for over 10 years, previously teaching for The British Academy of Jewellery in London and currently a mentor for online jewellery school, Jewellers Academy. Katherine's work has been featured in a number of publications and has exhibited her work as part of Collect at the Saatchi Gallery in London and LOOT at The Museum of Arts and Design in New York.

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