

Creative Cords for Jewellery - Falmouth Adult Education Centre

Course Description

Learn the Japanese art of decorative cords called Kumihimo – meaning 'Gathering of threads'. Learn how to create Japanese braided cords for jewellery and home décor using the portable foam kumihimo disk. Learn tips and tricks, colour placement and adding beads to the braid. You'll also learn how to finish the ends ready to add cone ends and clasps to create jewellery. We'll also explore beaded cords and other patterns and braids that use more or less number of cords and others that twist or are flat.

Course content and outcomes

- Recognise progression from novice to beginner by placement of cords on disk and starting a standard round 8 braid
- Expand knowledge of braids by experimenting with other braid patterns
- Demonstrate ability to braid a beaded braid using beads on some or all of the cords
- Using functional skills (Maths) to calculate the correct length of cord needed to braid with.
- Experiment with different types of cord and beads for different looks of the braid.
- Explore other types of braid using 16 strands, 4 strands or a twisting braid

Before joining this course you will need...

No additional qualifications are required, although if you have done previous jewellery making, beading or sewing this may be beneficial but is not essential.

How will I learn?

This is a 'learning by doing' course. The tutor will demonstrate throughout the session but most skills will be learnt through you practising. Mini projects using different cords/beads will be developed by the Tutor to suit the level of the course and also individual progress. You will be encouraged to practice between sessions to reinforce your learning.

Assessment methods

Assessment will be on-going throughout the course, with practical activities that will help you and your tutor to recognise your progress. Throughout the course your tutor will provide regular feedback on your progress. You will use a personal learning plan in conjunction with a health questionnaire and discussion to assess your needs and development.

Equipment and additional costs

The course fee includes use of the foam disk, cords some beads, jewellery findings and other basics to complete some cords and form into jewellery. Coloured cord will be ordered before the course, so if possible can you please state two or three colour choices when booking your course. If you have your own beads with larger holes, jewellery making pliers or short sewing needles etc this would be beneficial but not essential. Handout instructions will also be available. You may want to bring pen, paper and small pointy scissors along too.

What next?

Following this course you may like to continue with the Introduction to Beaded Jewellery Making course starting 26th April 2017, or to develop your skills further and explore other media for jewellery making, why not try the

Tiara and wedding or special occasion jewellery workshop 22 April 2017.

