

Creative Cords for Jewellery Workshop - Falmouth Adult Education Centre

Course Description

In this taster workshop, 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 a bracelet and necklace.

Course content and outcomes

- Recognise progression from novice to beginner by placement of cords on disk and starting a standard round 8 braid
- Demonstrate knowledge of round 8 braid using clean start and finishing end of braid ready for jewellery by end of workshop.
- Perform colour placement to create patterns on the braid - i.e. stripes, dots etc
- 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.

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' class. The tutor will demonstrate throughout the day but most skills will be learnt through you practising. The workshop is fun, stress-free and allows you to learn at your own pace.

Assessment methods

Assessment will be on-going throughout the course, with practical activities that will help you and your tutor to recognise your progress.

Equipment and additional costs

The course fee includes use of the foam disk, cords some beads, jewellery findings and other basics to complete cord and form into jewellery. Coloured cord will be ordered before the workshop, 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 Creative Cord course starting 22nd February 2017, or to develop your skills further and explore other media for jewellery making, why not try the Introduction to beaded jewellery making course starting 26th April 2017. Please ask your tutor or local centre admin for more information.

