

# Shrink Plastic Jewellery Workshop - Falmouth Adult Education Centre

## Course Description

In this taster workshop, you'll learn how to create fun, simple and colourful jewellery using shrink plastic. Just by using craft stamps, colouring pencils and permanent markers you can stamp, colour and shrink your chosen designs into mini wearable art for jewellery! If you are more adventurous you can also draw your own designs, that will shrink into gorgeous jewellery for you to wear. We'll also explore simple wirework skills so you can turn your shrink plastic pieces into earrings, rings and simple pendants.

## Course content and outcomes

- Recognise own skills from novice to beginner using a heat gun to shrink plastic
- Demonstrate knowledge of simple wirework skills to attach jump rings, earring findings, chain etc to finish jewellery to a good standard
- Gain knowledge of incorporating stamps, embossing powders etc to create jewellery tags for pendants
- Using functional skills (Maths) to estimate size of shrink plastic to use before shrinking
- Experiment with different types of craft items to create your own mixed media jewellery

## Before joining this course you will need...

No additional qualifications are required, although if you are a paper-crafter or card maker or have done previous jewellery making 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 shrink plastic, jewellery findings and other basics to complete a set of jewellery. If you have your own stamps (1 x large approx. 15cm diameter and other smaller stamps), a heat gun, good quality colouring pencils and coloured permanent would be beneficial but not essential. Handout instructions will also be available. You may want to bring pen, paper and good quality strong scissors along too.

## What next?

Following this course you may like to continue with the Introduction to Mixed Media Jewellery Course starts 12th October, to develop your skills further and explore other media for jewellery making. Please ask your tutor or local centre admin for more information.

## Support for my learning

***What if I can't afford some, or any, of the costs of this course?***

We understand that for some learners, the only way they will be able to take part in Adult Education is if they receive financial help and support, for example a contribution towards the costs of tuition, exam fees, travel, books or childcare. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and the funding agency for Advanced Learning Loans have allocated some money to help us provide this support. Please contact your local centre for information and advice about eligibility and how to apply.

***What if I have specific requirements which might affect how I access this course?***

Cornwall Adult Education is committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for all our learners and we want all learners to achieve their full potential and to enjoy their learning. When you enrol, please let us know if you have any specific requirements, including a physical disability or learning difficulty. You can note this on your enrolment form or contact your local centre directly. This information will only be used to support you in your learning.

**Information, advice and guidance:**

We can offer help and support, or put you in contact with advisers who can help you:

- Decide which is the best course for you
- Find out about other courses you can move on to
- Explore possible financial support options
- Benefit from additional learning support
- Look at employment opportunities

Please ask your tutor about this, enquire at your local centre or e-mail [adulthoodeducation.feedback@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:adulthoodeducation.feedback@cornwall.gov.uk) for further information.

