

COURSE DETAILS – LONG WEEKEND/3 DAYS LW0092

TITLE: SILVERSMITHING – A FOLLOW-UP COURSE

TUTOR: BRIAN MARSHALL

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

GENERAL CONTENT OF COURSE:

This second stage course will begin with a discussion and review of student's prior experience, ideas and intentions which they hope to cover, or complete on the course. This will lead to the establishment of a considered set of achievable plans, objectives and identify the processes to be practised and applied in the making of the chosen objects. This course is suitable for those who have already attended several West Dean College 'Introduction to silversmithing' or other similar courses elsewhere.

The aim of this course is to build on previous experiences in the subject and to increase and broaden a student's design, technical and skills abilities with appropriate demonstrations and advice. Also to allow students to gain practice and familiarity with a wider range of techniques.

As appropriate, students will be introduced to more complicated techniques, and construction details including some machine processes. Practical teaching of more advanced silversmithing techniques such as seaming and raising, planishing, chasing and repoussé, forging, stamping soldering polishing and surface treatments will be available as necessary.

It is possible to use gilding metal or copper to learn and practice techniques of the craft. These are considerably cheaper than silver and all necessary metals are on sale at the College Shop.

Students can undertake various techniques, and make a variety of objects with the following quantities of silver:

- silver sheet 100 sq cms x .9mm thick (16 sq ins)
- silver wire 3.2mm x 3.2mm square x 300mm long (12" x 1/8" square)

Health and Safety: The tutor will instruct students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Students may work unsupervised on agreed projects once they have satisfied the tutor as to their competence. There may be restrictions on the equipment available to students in the tutor's absence. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:

These items will be available for purchase in the College Shop:

Sketch book or notebook (min. A4 size – preferably layout paper pad)
Tracing paper, A4
Basic drawing equipment (ruler, compass, set square, pencils etc)
Silver, gilding metal and copper

Note: The College Shop has a wide selection of silver available to purchase but anyone requiring more than 100 sq cms is advised to purchase it from one of the bullion suppliers set out on page 2.

Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

Any specific silversmithing or jewellery tools you may already have

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Recommended bullion suppliers:

Argex Ltd, 130 Hockley Mill, Birmingham B18 5AN Tel: 0121 248 4344 Fax: 0121 248 4354

Metelor Ltd, 74 Warstone Lane, Hockley, Birmingham B18 6NG Tel: 0121 236 3241

Exchange Findings Ltd, 49 Hatton Gardens, London EC1N 8YS Tel: 0207 400 6500

J Blundell & Sons Ltd, 31–35 Leather Lane, London EC1N 7RJ Tel: 0207 404 0685 Fax: 0207 242 3133

Bloomstein, 30 Gloucester Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 4HQ Tel: 01273 608374
Fax 01273 690788

Note: Some bullion suppliers have minimum order levels (e.g. £25). Ask for your requirements to be checked against this before placing an order.

COURSE TIMETABLE (unless otherwise stated above or agreed with the tutor during the course)

Course timetable for 2–9 day courses – each course starts with a welcome session on the first evening of the start date of the course and is followed by 2–9 days depending on the length of the course.

Arrival Day	From 4.00pm 7.00 8.15–9.15	Arrival for residential students. Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner. Dinner. First teaching session.
Daily Timetable	9.15am 10.30 12.45pm 2.00pm 3.30 5.00 7.00 8.15	Morning classes. Coffee. Lunch. Afternoon classes. Tea. Classes finish. Dinner. Evening working – students may have evening access to certain workshops in the absence of their tutor, but only with their tutor's permission and provided it is safe to do so.
Departure – last day	10.00am 3.00pm 3.30	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms. Classes finish. Tea then departure.