

Introduction to Stained Glass

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Dates: Tuesday 14/09/21 – 23/11/21 (excluding 26/10/21)

Times: 13:00-15:30

This course is suitable for complete beginners.

This 10 week introductory course to the traditional method of stained glass construction will give you an insight into this ancient craft that dates back hundreds of years. There will be plenty of hands-on experience and you will learn to make either a traditional panel or put your own contemporary twist on this ancient craft. You will be fully guided through the process and given lots of tips, tricks and insight and appreciation of stained glass window making.

By the end of the course you'll make an apprentice stained glass panel to take home, which you can put in your garden, or display indoors.

The course will begin with an introduction to the history and art of stained glass design, how we 'paint with light' and the equipment and tools used to do this. We will quickly move on to the practical aspect by demonstrating how we score and break glass. This will be followed by practise cutting glass to a design until you're ready to start cutting the coloured glass for your main project.

You can either use one of the designs provided or bring along a design of your own.

You will then build and finish your stained glass panel by leading, soldering and cementing.

For those who are interested in a more contemporary approach, a copper foiled stained glass piece can be made in place of a leaded glass panel, full support and guidance will be given.

There will be a full demonstration the process of constructing a panel using the leading method at each stage and we will discuss the tools and techniques being used.

During the course you will have full use of the Stained glass making equipment at Bedford Arts and Crafts Centre. Course materials including glass and lead came are not included in the course price and these can be bought from the tutor/in-house shop: The estimated cost of a panel A4 size is £30.

Please bring;

- a cotton apron
- Paper pencils, ruler etc.
- Small boxes for supporting your project during construction, Shoe boxes are useful
- Please wear covered shoes to protect your feet

Please adhere to the regulations concerning Personal Protective Equipment & Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) and how they apply to the course or accommodation and to any 'Safe System of Work' as advised by your tutor.

In addition to the Centre's legal responsibility, students also have the responsibility to take care of the Health and Safety of themselves and others.