

Stained Glass

Tutor: Kate Fisher and Helen Gouldesbrough

Dates: Tuesday 09/09/25– 02/12/25 (excluding 23/09/25, 21/10/25, 28/10/25)

Times: 09.30 – 12:30

Course Information & Teaching Methods:

This mixed-ability 10-week course is friendly, supportive and caters for everyone from total beginners, through to those with experience.

During the first sessions, beginners will;

- Learn how to cut various types of glass accurately & safely using specialist glass cutters
- Be introduced to the two basic methods of assembly (lead, foil and fusing)
- Begin to make a simple, small “apprentice” piece
- You will be encouraged to think about the personal project they wish to make during the course

The more experienced can go on to learn the advanced techniques of glasswork including basic painting and firing onto glass, fusing and slumping and other kiln work.

Teaching is usually one-to-one plus demonstrations and discussions. Everyone works at a speed which suits them, in a relaxed environment.

Equipment:

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.

Students will be using only ‘Bullseye Glass’(COE 90) to ensure no cross contamination of materials.

For the first session, please bring paper, pencils, rubbers and a ruler, **plus a box for any cut glass**. A cloth apron would be useful and please wear shoes that cover the toes! Safety glasses are available at the Centre.

About the tutors:

Kate and Helen are covering maternity leave, providing basic and introductory tuition.

Kate has a Graphic Design degree and 4 years’ experience in leaded glass work.

Helen has been copper foiling and fusing for 10 years and runs her Raspberry Shed Glass business.

Additional Information:

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available in the kitchen area, for a small charge.

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.