



Jewellery Studio at Thurlwell's

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We are delighted that you have shown an interest in joining us at Thurlwells Studio. The course runs for 6 weeks and we aim to impart as much knowledge and skill to ensure you will walk away with your own handcrafted piece of jewellery. We aim to give you a fantastic experience in an authentic and fun environment and hope you will get as much satisfaction from learning and manufacturing as we do teaching our skill. We have included a full course schedule within this document and hopefully answer a few questions you might have:



When does the course take place?

Classes are on a Wednesday or Thursday evenings 7pm until 9.30pm - this gives us enough time each week to share knowledge, discuss and most importantly, work on individual pieces.



Where is it?

Classes are held at Thurlwell's Jewellers 6 Sussex Mews, The Pantiles, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN2 5QJ. You will be allocated your own bench in the studio workshop and, from the first session you will work in a similar fashion to that of an apprentice starting out in the trade.



Who will be teaching me?

You will have one to two master craftsmen (depending on the quantity of students) guiding and inspiring you throughout the course. Chris Thurlwell has been a diamond mounter (a term used within the trade for the construction of jewellery) for over 40+ years each. His experience and craftsmanship is becoming rare in this time of high technology so this is a unique opportunity to being on the way to gaining a true skill.



What should I expect?

On day one, you will be taken through the process of making a basic ring. You will be provided with a piece of silver (included in the basic course fee) from which you will craft your piece. In the following 5 weeks, you will slowly learn techniques, shaping and perfecting your piece with the aim of you walking away with at least a completed, polished and wearable ring at the end of week 6. The majority of the course will be practical, closely monitored and aided by the Master Craftsmen.



Do I need experience?

The course is a beginner's course for anyone, you don't need to be a natural artist, just willing to listen and learn from the best. Classes will be small therefore you will receive solid attention and training from either of our Master craftsmen.



Am I limited to making just one piece of jewellery?

Absolutely not, we thrive and encourage as much advancement as possible. Should you complete the initial piece we will help you with others (although metal will need to be purchased separately at cost). In addition to this we will also be offering advanced courses as well as exclusive rental of bench space during the week so that you can come and work on your creations, unsupervised.



What is the cost?

The Cost for the 6 week course will be £300.00 - this includes expert tuition, use of the bench and your own piece of silver.

You will be required to pay the full course fee upon reservation of your place.

Cheques or cash welcome.

Please make cheques payable to Studio Workshop at Thurlwells.



Contact

To qualify for the course you will need to secure your place with full payment, please contact us at thurlwells@aol.com or call us at the Studio and speak to Chris on 01892 533223. Please note, Thurlwells is closed on Mondays but feel free to leave a message or email us and we will get back to you within 24 hours.

Hopefully see you soon!

