



Glass Beadmaking – Beginners Class

To make glass beads, the students will learn how to melt small rods of glass in the flame of a torch. The melted glass is then wrapped around a stainless steel rod and the bead is shaped by controlling the heat in the glass and with gravity and tools. Other colors of glass are then applied for decoration. Once the bead has cooled in the kiln, the stainless steel rod is removed and the hole of the bead is cleaned and ready for stringing.

Every week the instructor will demo a bead technique or bead design. The student will have the rest of the class time to practice these techniques and incorporate them into their own bead designs.



The following subjects will be discussed or demonstrated during the class

- The class starts with a discussion of how to set up a studio, safety issues, and tools used in beadmaking
- Students will learn how to make round and tube shaped beads.
- They will learn how to pull and use thin glass stringers, and twisties for decorating beads.
- Other techniques taught will include dots, stripes, layering, raking and feathering, and controlled bubbles.

A Beginner's Kit with the required tools will be available from the Instructor on the first day of class for \$160.00. It includes the following:

- Hot head torch
- 1 canister of mapp gas
- L bar, o-ring and clamp
- Aluminum tray
- Stainless steel mandrels – 1 dozen
- Assorted rods of colored glass
- Didymium glasses
- Bead release
- Tweezers
- Graphite paddle
- Bead cleaner

*Limit of 12 students per class

Dates: Thursdays (6 week sessions)
▪ June 23rd – August 4th, 2011
 (No Class on July 28th, 2011)
▪ September 1st – October 6th, 2011

Time: 6pm to 9pm

Location: Edison State College, Lee Campus, room to be announced

Cost: \$140

Instructor: Kari Persson

Seats are limited, so register today!
Advance registration and payment is required
For registration form and information, call 239-489-9235, email celee@edison.edu
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