

# Diploma in Fine Jewellery

## 2022-2023 (online)

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*Course Dates*



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# Course Structure & Timetable



Please note that while weekly content will go live from the Monday, you have the full week to work through it at any time that suits you.



## Term 1 2021

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Topic:

Date:

Week 1: Reticulation and Keum boo - Stud Earrings and Ring Making

12th September

Week 2: Claw Setting Practice Week - Round, Oval, Pear, Cushion Cut

19th September

Week 3: Claw Setting Project

26th September

Week 4: Pear Shaped Collet (Ring or Pendant)

3rd October

Week 5-6: Collet Setting Project: Totem Pendant with Three Collet Settings

10th October

Week 7-8: Rendering (painting fine jewellery)

24th October

Week 9: Finding Making for Fine Jewellery: Scroll back earrings, clasps & more

7th November

Week 10: Gemstone Masterclass

14th November

Week 11: Workshop Week & End of Term Jewellery Business Q&A

21st November

Week 12: Workshop Week

28th November

Send Your Term 1 Projects for Marking

5th December

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## Term 2 2022

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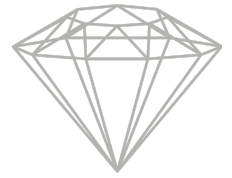
Topic:

Week 1-2: Advanced Stone Setting in Wax  
Week 3-5: Making a Classic Tennis Bracelet  
Week 6-8: Marquise 5 Stone Ring Setting  
Week 9: Box Clasp: Advanced Techniques for Jewellers  
Week 10: Creole Earrings: Two types of hinged earrings  
Week 11: Workshop Week & Jewellery Business Q&A  
Week 12: Workshop Week  
Send Your Term 2 Projects for Marking

Date:

9th January  
23rd January  
13th February  
6th March  
13th March  
20th March  
27th March  
3rd April

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## Term 3 2022

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Topic:	Date:
Week 1-2: Using Gravers & Star Stone Setting	24th April
Week 3-4: Locket Making	8th May
Week 5-7: Statement Fine Jewellery Diamond Cluster Ring	22nd May
Week 8: Filigree for Jewellers	12th June
Week 9-10: Final Project (3 pieces in a cohesive collection) Mentor supported	19th June
Week 11: Workshop Week & End of Term Jewellery Business Q&A	3rd July
Week 12-14: Workshop Weeks	10th July
Send Your Term 3 Projects for Marking	31st July

# What can I do before the course starts?

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Here are some things you could consider working on before the start of the course. These are optional and we encourage you to take these ideas and work with them in a way that motivates you.

## *Start a sketchbook*

We suggest having a sketchbook so that you can start sketching shapes and design ideas. Don't worry, this will not be assessed! It's just a great way of capturing your ideas on paper and will get you thinking like a jeweller.

You may want to have a small sketchbook that you can carry around with you or a larger one to have at home to work on. If you prefer a digital solution do have a look at drawing apps for your phone or tablet.

## *Start a creativity journal*

Buy a notebook and start to write about the things that catch your eye. That could be fashion, nature, architecture, food - anything goes!

It's also useful to journal about how you feel about your creativity; anything you're excited about, what you're anxious of, things that come up for you. By writing them down it can help you process your thoughts.

If this is an approach that you're interested in do take a look at *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron.

## *Look at the work of jewellers*

It is a good idea to look at the work of jewellers to see what appeals to you, what you don't like etc. Instagram is a great place to start for this. If you search using hashtags like #jewelry #jewellery #silverjewellery #finejewellery etc you'll start to discover new jewellers.

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## *Collect images that inspire you*

Cut out pictures from magazines or find images online. These could be images of jewellery but it's also good to keep your inspiration more wide. Finding the things that inspire you is what is going to help you develop your own style of design eventually once you've learnt the skills.

Consider starting a board on Pinterest to keep images and links that inspire you so you can go back to them when you're ready.

## *Start an Instagram account*

Whether you already have Instagram or not now is a great time to start an account to share your jewellery journey. If you want to set up your own jewellery business then doing this now is a great opportunity to connect with potential customers. If you would like to work for another jeweller then your Instagram account will act like an online portfolio of your development.

## *Start a Facebook account*

If you already have a login for Facebook then you can tick this off your list! If you don't we do strongly suggest that you set one up even if it is just to access the Diploma Facebook page. The support there is important to access plus if you do start your own business Facebook is a great place to advertise your jewellery. If you are concerned about privacy you can do the following:

- Input as little information as possible. They do not allow you to use a fake name because of anti-bullying laws but you can put in a fake date of birth and can skip most information they ask for e.g. the school you went to.
- Set up two factor authentication so that no one can change your password without you knowing.

# What You Can Expect From Us

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- *Professional tuition*
- *A supportive online environment*
- *Feedback and guidance on your learning*
- *Small mentor group size (max 10)*
- *Excellent classes and exciting techniques*

## Key Contact Details

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Jewellers Academy

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If you have questions about toolkit or material kit orders or sending your work in for assessment

Email: [warehouse@jewellersacademy.com](mailto:warehouse@jewellersacademy.com)

We also have a phone line open Monday to Friday during office hours 0203 742 7696

Feel free to get in touch at any time.



Motivation Cards: Feel free to print out and out around your workspace for some motivation!

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*The world always seems  
brighter when you've just  
made something that wasn't  
there before*




  
*Handmade is  
100% Better*

*Making is not about  
perfection, it is a love,  
an expression of your  
soul*



*You have  
Got This!*



  
*THERE'S A REASON FOR  
EVERYTHING YOU DO AND EVERY  
MOMENT COUNTS. IN THE END, IT  
WILL ALL HAVE BEEN*

*Worth it*

*You deserve this  
So do it!*

