

Metalsmithing Forms Level 1A

This is a level 1A course that caters to both beginners and those with experience of metal smithing or jewellery making. Your expert tutor will provide step-by-step guidance on a set project. The project will be suitable for complete beginners while also providing the opportunity for the more experienced to extend their skills.

Learners will have the chance to design and personalise their creations, making unique items for themselves or loved ones, all under the supervision of a heritage craft expert. Additionally, learners will adhere to essential health and safety procedures within the studio to ensure a safe crafting environment.

If you are interested in developing your creative skills, book onto one of our courses from the Creative Arts offer.

Start Date: 28 September 2026
Start Time: 10:00
Lessons: 10
Weeks: 10
Hours: 30.00

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

Learners will:

1. Learn how to plan and accurately estimate metal usage for at least 1 item
2. Learn how to cut, file and form metal for at least one item or improve on the file and form of metal for at least one item.
3. Experiment with design, translating drawings and plans to at least one item

Whether you would like to learn new creative skills or to investigate the possibility of a new art -based career, MAE Community Learning courses can provide you with a stepping stone to progress

IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR ME?

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IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS COURSE?

Please be aware that whilst this course is practical in nature some sessions will include theory and professional related training such as H&S, risk assessments, public liability etc

Learners will need the following tools and equipment please do not purchase until you are sure the course will run:

For your first class you will need to bring:

- a pen & pencil (a sketchbook will be provided)
- A fine tipped permanent black marker
- Safety glasses
- Safety Disposable Face Mask for General Purpose Protection, FFP2, Valved
- Apron
- No open toed shoes in the studio and long hair must be tied back

Your tutor will advise on tools for further classes – please do not purchase until speaking with the tutor

• Basic tool kit to include:

Saw frame and spare 2/0 blades

Flat nose pliers

Chain pliers

1 oz Jobbing hammer

3 X needle files

Metal ruler

Emery sticks

Carbide scriber

A basic tool kit or individual components can be purchased from Cooksongold:

<https://www.cooksongold.com/Jewellery-Tools> 0345 100 1122

Please be aware that once you enrol on a course you can apply for a student discount account with Cookson gold, just complete their form and attach a copy of your receipt. Please check their website for further details.

You can apply to cookssongold for

<https://www.cooksongold.com/downloads/files/Cooksongold%20Student%20Form.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT ALL STUDIO TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES DUE TO POTENTIAL SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE ISSUES.

WILL THERE BE ADDITIONAL COSTS?

The tutor will advise you on materials required for the course on the first lesson. Precious metals, solder, and saw blades will need to be purchased from Cooksongold. Also see above for details on tools.

During the course there will be additional costs depending on what projects you have undertaken, and the costs of these materials can be discussed with the tutor

WHAT COULD I GO ON TO DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

Your tutor can talk to you about other subject related course available. Your follow -on courses are:

- R261593A Silversmithing Forms L1B
- R261595A Silversmithing Forms L1B

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as MidKent College, Medway School of Arts and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through your individual progression options.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

If you need further advice, please telephone 01634 338400.

WHAT IS THE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Multiple sessions-

To get the most out of the course:

- Try to attend at least 90% of sessions
- Let your tutor know if you will miss a class
- If you are ill or absent, contact: 01634 338400

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health and Safety Disclaimer

By taking part in this course, you understand that metal smithing making involves use of tools, materials and equipment and carries some risk.

You agree that:

- Metal smithing activities can involve some risk (tools, materials)
- Work at a level that suits your ability
- Wear suitable clothing and protect your work area (no open toed shoes in the workshop, long hair must be tied back)
- Agree to the ground rules and follow safety guidance from your tutor

Medway Adult Education is not responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property.

By attending the course, you confirm that you have read and understood this information.