



Course title: 2 Day Beginners Course.

Course venue: 29 Boundary Close, Swindon, SN2 7TF

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Day 1 - In the Beginning

10:00 - 13:00

13:00 - 14:00 (approx) Lunch is provided

14:00 - 17:00

Health & safety, part 1: Suitable clothing, eye protection, ventilation.
Getting used to the torch: POOP, lighting the torch, flame control

Heating glass to make a gather, then stringers

First beads

Decorating with frit
Decorating with dots
Raking dots

Practising new skills

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Shaping the bead - cylinders and bicones

Coefficients of expansion, annealing glass and other necessary technical stuff

Practising new skills

Day 2 - Moving On

10:00 - 13:00

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch is provided

14:00 - 17:00

Health & safety, part 2: recap of part 1, working surface and environment, gas cylinders and regulators, flashback arrestors

Bead release and coating mandrels
Cleaning out bead holes and fixing bad ends

More decoration - with stringer and twisted dots
Using different parts of the flame and different flames

Controlling the shape of a bead
The Good bead and the Bad
Practising good ends

Simple encasing

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Glittery decorations - goldstone, silver and gold leaf

More practice

Making twisties

Setting up a studio - safety considerations and costs for alternative solutions