

Make your own silver-lined glass “Troll” beads A course for beginners

On this 2 day course, learn how to make and decorate doughnut-shaped glass beads and then line the best ones (up to 5) with sterling silver.

Day 1

Health and safety issues
Lighting the torch
Getting the feel of molten glass and pulling stringers

First beads
Bigger beads on bigger mandrels
Decorating with frit
Decorating with dots

Lunch

Regularly spaced dots
Dots on dots
Twisted dots
Transparent glass over opaque

Twisties
Using twisties on beads

Day 2

Cleaning out yesterday's beads
Assessing the suitability of beads for lining with silver

In the light of the review, making a few more beads

Squaring and dimpling the ends of yesterday's beads, as necessary

An outline of the riveting process

Lunch

Measuring sterling silver tubing
Cutting the tubing
Smoothing the ends

Riveting your bead
Finishing the lining process
Polishing the silver lining

Repeating the riveting process on more beads
Tidying up

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