

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