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Taster Session - Fused Glass Workshops – ½ day (2½ to 3 hours)

The Glass Forge offers either a **1-to-1 personal workshop** or **group workshops of no more than 3-people**. This is an in-person workshop that can be tailored to meet specific objectives, whilst also allowing enough time for attendees to ask questions during the workshop.

This fun, relaxed, hands-on ½ day workshop offers a wonderful and gentle introduction to the art of kiln formed glass and explores some of the techniques for kiln fusing glass (the art of melting glass using an electric kiln, up to a temperature of around 815°C).

This is an introductory workshop, and the format and course design has therefore been tailored towards complete beginners. You therefore do not need any prior experience to attend.

What will the course entail?

The workshop will cover the following aspects:

1. Health and Safety briefing.
2. What is glass fusing.
3. Brief history and Introduction to the different types of glass art such as Hot, Warm and Cold Glass methods.
4. Glass types, compatibility and tools.
5. Designing a simple fused glass piece.
6. Cover a sample of surface design techniques.
7. Practice cutting glass to incorporate in your piece.
8. Assembling and applying pieces onto the base piece of glass for firing.

This is a practical, hands-on course that is designed for you to make your own fused glass piece, and therefore following a brief introductory you will start making your piece of fused glass art!

What will I make?

During your 2½ hour (approx.) workshop you can expect to make **one fused glass piece**. The choice of what you can make ranges from a small glass piece such as a picture panel (10 cm x 10 cm), sun-catcher (size will vary depending on design), a small tea light (10 x 5 cm), or a coaster (10 x 10 cm). You can also upgrade to a larger piece such as a lantern panel. There will be an additional charge to cover the price of lantern or frame for the picture.



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Design

If you have a specific design in mind that you would like to create, please contact The Glass Forge in advance of the course and to see if it is feasible within the time allotted. Usually, this option best suits the 1 to 1 workshop.

At the end of the workshop

You will create a beautiful glass item, to your own design, that can be treasured or perhaps even given as a gift.

Gift boxes, display stands and picture frames are available and can be purchased separately.

Firing your piece

Your piece will be fired in a kiln, and this process takes up to 24 hours. Please therefore allow up to **2 weeks** to receive your fused glass piece.

Your item can be collected from The Glass Forge (by prior arrangement) or if you are unable to collect your item in person it can be posted via Royal Mail. **An additional postage charge will be applied for this at the standard 'Royal Mail signed for' rate.**

What is included in the workshop?

- The use of all tools and equipment
- All materials to complete your piece of fused glass art
- Training and guidance
- Tea or coffee.

Dates / Availability

Since this is a private, in-person workshop just for you, we can be flexible with dates and times. Sessions are available midweek or on weekends, subject to calendar availability.

Please contact The Glass Forge for dates and availability. Enquiries can be made by:

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Prices

Please refer to website www.theglassforge.co.uk events/workshops



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Location / Venue

The Glass Forge Studio.

To book a workshop

To purchase a workshop either email www.theglassforge.co.uk or book direct through the website www.theglassforge.co.uk under product “workshops”.

Enquiries

I hope to ignite the fascination and passion in fused glass that was lit up when I first attended a similar course. My workshops offer the opportunity to try something new and to hopefully unleash your inner creativity (don't worry if you don't have any!) and to make something wonderful.

My workshops can also be tailored towards special occasions, such as **mother and daughter** days, **best friend's outings** etc. Whatever the occasion please email me your inquiry, and we can put together a package that will hopefully suit your requirements.

Gift Vouchers

Gift Vouchers are also available from the website. This is an ideal present if you are looking for a memorable gift experience, which is a little bit different and gives the recipient the ability to try and learn something new.

Rachel