

INTRODUCTION TO FUSED GLASS

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Site	Total Fees
Introduction to Fused Glass	25/09/2026	20/11/2026	THURMASTON THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	196.80

01. Who is this course for?

This is a beginner course designed to enable learners to develop knowledge of glass fusing and the skills needed to be able to create fused glass pieces. You will have the opportunity for on-going 1:1 discussion to develop your own ideas to design and create a range of glass pieces, such as coasters, suncatchers and a plate.

02. What will I learn?

You will be introduced to the work of contemporary glass artists for inspiration and be given the opportunity to make a variety of kiln fused glass pieces. You will learn how to cut glass safely, how to layer glass and use glass stringers, frit and other glass embellishments together with the kiln carving technique and using metal inclusions to create decoration. You will experiment with different temperatures to develop an understanding of the firing process.

03. How will I learn?

This is a tutor-led, craft class. You will learn through class demonstrations and receive 1:1 support from the tutor. Learners will also receive regular verbal and written feedback on their progress. Please avoid taking holidays during courses. Missed lessons can affect funding for adult learning courses.

04. What will I need to bring?

You will need to bring an apron. Please do not wear your best clothes and no open-topped shoes allowed.

05. What skills or experience do I need?

This course is suitable for complete beginners and learners with some experience of glass work.

06. How will I be assessed?

The Learning for Wellbeing curriculum uses formative and summative assessment methods to evaluate learner progress. You will work towards completing a set of class learning targets, as well as your own personal development targets. Targets are reviewed at the middle and end of the course. Informal discussions with the tutor will take place throughout the course, both individually and in groups. Your progress may also be documented through photographic evidence.

07. What could I do after this course?

Upon completing this course, you may wish to try one of our other craft classes, such as 'Fused Glass – Intermediate Level'. The Learning for Wellbeing curriculum offers a wide range of art, craft, sewing, cookery, dance

intermediate level. The Learning for wellbeing curriculum offers a wide range of art, craft, sewing, cookery, dance and creative arts courses for you to continue developing skills specifically aimed at improving your wellbeing. Courses are available to search on the GoLearn website.

08. How will I be supported in my learning?

We aim to support all learners to succeed. Our tutors will work with all learners to meet individual needs by using a range of resources and teaching methods. When you enrol on your course you will be asked if you have any additional learning needs or disabilities which may affect your learning. This might include physical disabilities, neurodivergent needs (e.g., Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, dyslexia, or dyspraxia, etc.), visual and auditory impairments, or a medical condition which might affect your learning. Your tutor will contact you prior to joining the course to discuss what support can be put in place. For some learners, this may mean organising extra time in exams or arranging for a Learning Support Assistant to support your learning in class. We also offer a wide range of assistive technology such as reader pens, screen readers, large print keyboards and screens, alongside in-class resources such as coloured overlays, large-print resources and more.

09. Is help available with course fees?

Many of our courses are FREE to all learners. Your course may be FREE if you are unemployed or earn under £26,800 before deductions. If you are in receipt of state benefits or have a low income (£28,733.50 before deductions) you could be entitled to enrol on your course at a 70% reduced fee cost. Some exclusions apply, eligibility for fee reduction is subject to change, and you may be required to provide evidence of earnings. If the amount you must pay for your course is over £50, we offer instalment plans which break down the cost of learning into a set number of easy monthly payments. If you need help with the wider costs of study, such as childcare, resources, travel, and transport costs, you may be eligible to have these costs reimbursed through our Discretionary Learner Support Fund. Visit us online for more details, and to download the online application form.

10. How do I choose the right course for me?

If you are unsure of your next steps, please contact us and one of our team will advise you about our courses or signpost you to other providers if necessary. Please call FREEphone 0800 988 0308 or email adult.learning@leics.gov.uk