

FUSED GLASS - BEGINNERS NEXT STEPS

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Site	Total Fees
Fused Glass - Beginners Next Steps	08/01/2027	19/03/2027	THURMASTON THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY	246.00
Fused Glass - Beginners Next Steps	22/09/2026	17/11/2026	COALVILLE LIBRARY	196.80

01. Who is this course for?

This course is for learners with some prior knowledge of fused glass making, who are now looking to develop their skills. This course follows on from Introduction to Fused Glass. 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 continue to draw inspiration from a wide range of contemporary glass artists in order to make a variety of kiln fused glass pieces. You will be able to work on areas of fused glass making that interest you, building your skills in glass cutting, layering glass and using 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 follows on from Introduction to Fused Glass. Prior knowledge of fused glass making is essential - this course is not suitable for complete beginners.

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 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.