

Frequently Asked Questions about Classes

How much is tuition?

Beginner and Intermediate group classes use a base rate of \$15/hour tuition. Advanced group classes use a base rate of \$20/hour tuition. Class durations will vary (see Class Info Sheet).

How can I reserve a spot and how much is the deposit?

Contact Christine via email, phone, text, or website for class availability. Class seats will be reserved on a first come, first served basis with payment of a non-refundable deposit. Deposit amount will be equivalent to one hour of tuition rate, i.e. beginner and intermediate classes \$15 deposit, advanced classes \$20 deposit.

Why are there no project pictures for each class?

Christine always says, "I teach students, not projects". This is why classes are technique driven and not project driven. It is preferred that each student learns skills that extend past the class project and helps them to progress as an artist. Over the years it has been observed that when pictures are offered, students feel compelled to duplicate the picture instead of exploring all the possible variations. Pictures tend to unduly influence aspects of the process such as material selection (color, size, texture, cost), expectations of the finished project, and wire wrap style. When pictures were removed, finished projects for the same class began to look very different from one another, more accurately expressing each student's unique style! This is the goal, to remove anything that inhibits creativity, open up possibilities, empower artists to explore their individuality, and ultimately allow pure expression.

What tools or materials will I need?

Each Class Info Sheet will have a list of needed tools and materials. Class tuition covers instruction only unless indicated otherwise on each individual Class Info Sheet. Students must supply their own materials and are encouraged to have their own tools. Some loaner tools and work mats are available if needed. These items are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Why do classes not include materials?

Encouraging a student to embrace their creative self, starts with the choosing of materials. Between metal, gemstone, crystal, glass, wood, and many other beautiful things, your project materials will be as beautiful and unique as you are! In light of all these options, cost of materials are just as variable. For example, one 10mm bead can cost less than a penny if it is glass or wood, or cost over \$100 if it is made from a precious gemstone! By excluding materials, students are given the freedom to express themselves and stay within the budget that works best for them. This also helps to keep tuition at an accessible rate for most anyone interested in learning the art of jewelry.

I'm new, where do I find materials and tools?

Tools and materials of all types can be found both online and at your local craft store. If you are looking for something specific, let Christine know and she will do her best to help you. If you have any questions at all about tools and materials needed for your class, just contact Christine via email, phone, text, or website.

Are there minimum and maximum class sizes?

Local classes (15-mile radius from Lake Arrowhead, CA) require 3 paid and confirmed students. Non-local classes require 4+ paid and confirmed students (or otherwise agreed upon arrangement). Maximum preferred class size is 8 students for beginner classes and 6 for intermediate and advanced classes. All Class Info Sheets include max class size.

Do I need experience in wire wrapping to take classes?

All beginner and intermediate classes are open to new students. All advanced classes require students to be at a specified skill level. Each Class Info Sheet will indicate when this applies.

What if I live out of state or far away?

A minimal traveling fee may be applied for classes that require extensive travel time, and/or distance. If this applies, each student will be told at time of sign up and will be collected at time of initial deposit per student.

How can I get more information on hosting classes at my home or business?

Home Hosts receive a significant discount on class tuition! Hosting can be lots of fun! For more information just contact Christine via email, phone, text, or website to talk about options and to work out any details.

When and where are classes available?

Classes are held during non-winter months. Locations vary depending on host availability. If you would like to receive emails about class locations and availability, please contact Christine via email, phone, text, or website with your email information to be added to her classes email update list.