



Designing Jewelry at Artisans' Treasure

Jewelry designing is a form of art that involves the development of many skills. Concepts of form, function, color, shape, balance, construction, materials and style, are just some of what goes into the creation of one piece of jewelry. There may be challenges, but it is also fun. Beading can be relaxing, as in a form of meditation.

However, beading is just one way to create jewelry. Beads have been a form of adornment for thousands of years, with bone, and other materials being used. Metals such as gold have also been used over the years, and metalworking is another important aspect of jewelry work.

Jewelry designs may consist of either bead work, metal work, or both! Jewelry Parties can be designed to fit special occasions such as a birthday for a teenager or a House Warming for an adult.

Weddings: When a whole wedding party needs coordinating jewelry for the bride and all of the other participants, we require an appointment in advance, with clothing samples, in order to match fabrics, colors, notions, clasps styles, as well as the height and individual needs of all concerned. Then a follow up appointment is made for a fitting session, before the special day.

For special gifts, and other items, an appointment is helpful, in order to share details that will help us to create a *dream piece*.

Repairs: *Many times, a treasured, vintage piece of jewelry can be repaired or re-strung. Bring in as many of the parts of broken items that you wish to re-string, because a design may be possible that will re-structure it in a new and exciting way.*

Jewelry 101: At Artisans' Treasure, we make jewelry class fun and interesting. Participants can take beginners' *Jewelry 101*, which is designed for those who have little or no experience with beading. Learn to make jewelry to wear with a favorite outfit, or to give as special gifts!

Jewelry 102: *This is a more advanced class for those who may wish to become entrepreneurs! Those who have experience with beading can learn new techniques to take their skills to a greater level. Then they may wish to learn about marketing their jewels to others.*

Healing through the Creative Arts: *This is a class that includes a component of jewelry making as one of the methods of utilizing artwork, for the purpose of relaxation. The sessions are one on one, or small group, so that participants can make personalized jewelry items.*

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