

Buttonesque Class Description

Project Description:

Mesmerizing mandalas of wearable art created with sterling silver wire, mother of pearls beads, stone beads, and Japanese glass beads. These buttons can be stitched to embellish a favorite jacket or sweater or the mandala can be wired on to a button cover. At least 2 buttons will be completed in class. The jig used to shape these may surprise you.

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Skill level required: All skill levels and ages welcome! No experience necessary, a little experience with wire working is helpful.

Supplies:

- 2 feet (per button) 24 gauge wire – sterling silver, gold filled, copper, niobium...
- size 6 Japanese seed beads, Miyuki magic beads size 6 are a fun option
- size 8 Japanese hex or seed beads
- size 11 Japanese seed beads
- flat beads up to 10 mm wide and 14 mm long (pearls, stone, glass, crystal...)
- bugle beads (optional)

Tools:

- round nose pliers
- chain nose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- nylon jawed wire straightener

Time required for class: 3 hours

Students will complete at least 2 buttons in class