



ELLENBOROUGH PARK



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Larkswold Authentic Cotswold creative workshops delivered by best friends, Melina and Emma. Your creative experience will leave you relaxed and ready for more, surrounded by breathtaking countryside providing an inspirational setting.

Take your place for a few hours or even a whole day. Wholesome food, warm company, and gentle artistic pursuits led by friendly craftspeople. Taking inspiration from the river, meadows and country garden, release your creativity and experience a rush of pride as your creation takes shape.

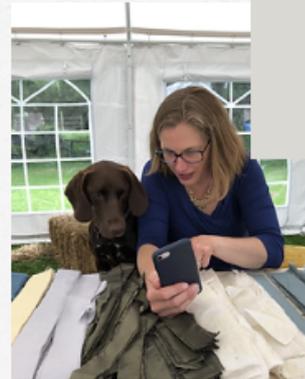
With workshops ranging from lino and block printing to willow-weaving and candle making, it is the perfect setting to expand your portfolio at a relaxed pace.

Let us introduce ourselves

Melinda



Emma





In the beginning

A curious mind and a love of creativity

When we first moved to the Cotswolds in 2016, I joked that the headmistress had taken pity on me and thought I needed some friends! She recommended I might get on well with Emma Birch, Theo and Jessica-May's Mum.

Well she was right and we have been buddies ever since. When I decided that I wanted to take my love of creativity and make better use of the beautiful site we live on, Emma was always my partner in crime.

Larkswold grew from the desire to build a business that brought joy and warmth. We aim to bring the sense of rejuvenation that comes from being in a beautiful, natural environment with warm, genuine people.

Learning, creating or making something new can immerse you into a state of flow for a few hours, before you return to the real world, feeling refreshed and restored.

There have been many more amazing people and businesses that have helped us along the way, and I hope when you visit you get to meet and experience a few of them.

Melinda & Emma

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Should guests like to do the crafts but in bigger numbers (excludes candle making) we can come to Ellenborough to deliver as a 3 hour workshop (minimum 8 people) as follows:

Weave a willow heart or star £35pp

Beeswax wraps £35pp

Block Printing £55pp

Chocolate truffle making £55pp

Vintage biscuit decorating £55pp

Linocut prints £55pp

Dried flower wreath making £65pp

Mosaic £65pp

Glass fusing £65pp

Arm knitting £75pp

Silversmithing £75pp

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Mosaic: This is a really creative class with lots of freedom to choose what you would like to make. Make a set of coasters, or a wall plaque. Bases are available as both squares or hearts. It is worth thinking about your design before arriving and then enjoy selecting tesera to suit your project. Leaving enough time to grout your project, you will leave with the finished items ready to use. This workshop is suitable for beginners and those wanting to enjoy making mosaics with a group of other creative peeps. All materials are included in the cost. If you have broken china at home, feel free to bring it along to add to your piece.

Block Printing: Block Printing is a brilliant activity suitable for everyone both young and old. We'll start by experimenting with layouts and pattern repeats in block printing on paper & scrap fabric before moving onto final items. You can print a number of items: a tote bag, tea towels, cotton drawstring bags. This craft is super satisfying and a little bit addictive...choosing colours and designing your layout is a lot of fun, and rewarding to create something entirely unique to keep.

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Chocolate truffle making: Under the guidance of our skilled team of chocolatiers you and your group will each create two unique chocolate flavoured truffles from start to finish. During the session we aim to give participants the skills and confidence that they need to make basic ganache mixes from scratch using readily available ingredients and to experiment with flavour within the chocolate centres. For those members of your group who may have already started their chocolate journey at home there will be plenty of opportunity to seek chocolate advice and troubleshoot any previous problems they have encountered.

Dried flower wreath making: Join us to learn how to make a stunning dried flower wreath. We have everything you need to make your own unique wreath which will bring the joy of summer into your home all year round. We start with a handmade willow wreath which is made for you and then a large selection of foliage and dried flowers to create a wreath unique to you.

Silversmithing: A fabulous opportunity to try your hand at silversmithing. You will learn multiple techniques such as ring sizing, sawing, filing, soldering, forming and shaping and polishing to create a series of stacking rings or a bangle. In this workshop you can make silver items that are round, so a bangle or several rings. Spinner Rings are a separate workshop as the processes involved take more time let us know if you are interested in this and we will get a date in the diary! By the end of the workshop you will have a finished piece of jewellery to wear & enjoy. Additional silver can be purchased on the day if you desire.



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Lino cut prints: Create your very own linocut and print a unique piece of artwork that you will take away in one of our selection of frames. You will also have your linocut which you can take away to print onto other materials such as cards, paper, and fabric. Come with ideas of what you wish to create or follow the step by step design for a simple coffee pot.

Arm knitting: Learn how to make a super warm and cosy blanket from jumbo wool at our Arm Knitting Workshops. Using your arms rather than needles we will show you how to gently felt the wool prior to knitting, and how to knit with your arms! We've chosen 100% natural wools for the ultimate in jumbo knitting. This is the simplest and most satisfying form of giant knitting (also known as extreme knitting) you will get. With the scrumiest super sized yarn and just a few hours you will go home proud as punch with your blanket! Please note: we need 2 weeks notice to order in your choice of wool colour, although we also keep a number in stock.

Weave a willow heart or star: This is a super activity for a group. Learn how to weave the willow to create beautiful natural willow hearts or stars. These look fabulous as they are, or can be used like a wreath and decorated with fairy lights or perhaps fresh or dried flowers. We'll use locally sourced 4 foot willow and each guest will make at least one heart. Sizes can vary, from 20cm up to around 40cm or can be specified prior to the workshop.

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Glass fusing: Learn about glass fusing whilst making your own unique pieces. We will guide you through the process and lead you through the steps to creating your unique pieces. During the session you will have time to design your glassware and prepare it ready to be sent for firing. Your designs can be fired flat to be used as coasters, or slumped into little bowls, or hanging rings added so you can hang your art piece, or frame it. Colourful, creative and completely addictive Glass Fusing is one of our favourite workshops and is suitable for all levels of creativity! Your glass items will require kiln firing and should posting be required there may be a small additional cost. Glass may take around 7 days to be returned to you.

Beeswax wraps: Say goodbye to clingfilm and learn how to make these incredibly handy, reusable, self sealing & eco friendly bee swax food wraps. Using just a few humble materials you will make durable wraps to cover food products. We will guide you through the process of making these fun and useful objects and you will leave having made as many as you like. We have everything you need, but if you have a favourite fabric you would like to use, feel free to bring it along. Cotton is best and not too thick.

Vintage biscuit decorating : During this 4 hour workshop you will create some exquisite sugar flowers and vintage theme decorations that will then be used to decorate a box of 12 biscuits. Step by step demonstrations will give you the techniques required to make beautifully decorated cookies, and our experienced tutor Sally is on hand to lend a hand should you need it. This is a hands on practical workshop at the end of which you take home the box of 12 biscuits that you have lovingly created using your new skills.