

# Welcome



## Silver Clay Workshop

G25030408

with Liza Samuel

March 28-30, 2025

Hello and welcome to our workshop with Silver Polymer clay!

I am Liza, your instructor, and I look forward to introducing you to or expanding your knowledge of this exciting material. Silver clay is made up of thousands of tiny silver particles held together in an organic binder. As the clay dries, the moisture from the binder evaporates. When heated, it burns away completely leaving only sintered metal. The heat causes the metal particles to fuse together to form a solid mass, which is how the metal (in the traditional sense) is formed. You will be left with an approx. 7 gram piece of 92.5% sterling silver, ready for you to sand and polish.

Over the course of the three days we spend together you will be designing, fabricating, and finishing a piece of solid sterling silver jewelry (or an object for your home!) This endeavor will include optional soldering depending on what your project requires. We will work through the whole process from beginning to end so no experience is necessary. I have some guidelines to help you with your first piece, but I want to encourage participants to make a piece unique to their own vision and style. If you have elements from home you would like to include (bracelets to hang charms from, chain to hang pendant from, etc) feel free to bring them along so we can make your full vision come to life. You are welcome to bring your own chains or bracelets but otherwise do not need any special supplies to attend this course.

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### ITINERARY:

#### Friday

3pm room check in

Participants can come to studio following check in

5:30 dinner followed by a short orientation

7-9pm overview of process, materials, and design planning

#### Saturday

9-12 start sculpting! This goes quickly, since the clay will crumble if overworked

\*Afternoon free while silver clay dries

7-9 painting

#### Sunday

7:30 breakfast and room check out

9:30 -noon finishing pieces (jump rings and ear hooks, etc)

\*Sunday lunch is extra and must be arranged ahead of time