



Fancy Jasper
(H.Johnson)



Amethyst



Create unique and wearable jewellery for family and friends - or start your own business as a craftsman jeweller.



Lapidary (the art of gemstone cutting and polishing) has been practised since the very early days of civilisation (Incas, Aztecs, Egyptians etc).



Lapis & Turquoise



Embark on a craft that can provide a lifetime of creative enjoyment.



Turn an unassuming pebble or rock into an attractive and tactile gemstone.



Bloodstone



Amass an interesting and enviable collection of natural stones from around the World.



One-to-one individual coaching by a skilled lapidary practitioner in a well-equipped modern workshop at Manchester Minerals, Stockport (100metres from Jnt 1, M60 & good parking.)

In only one three-hour session, an absolute beginner will be provided with all the materials, equipment and guidance required to produce an attractive and unique cabochon-cut gemstone from the rough.



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Practical Introduction to GEMSTONE CUTTING



Basic LAPIDARY tuition for Beginners (Over 16's only)

Green Moss Agate



Ever wondered how gems are cut and polished ?

Are you seeking a satisfying and creative leisure activity - that also be potentially profitable ?

Botswana Agate



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Do you think you can't do it ? Think again as we will prove you wrong !



Did you know that modern lapidary machines are small, clean and safe to use in the home ?

For full details on course times and available dates: see our website or phone on 0161 477 0435



Course detail - 3-hour session

Step ONE

Introduction to tools, equipment and their safe handling

Step TWO

Your choice of gemstone type (from a selection of our slabbed material from Worldwide sources. Defining and trimming using a Diamond Saw

Step THREE

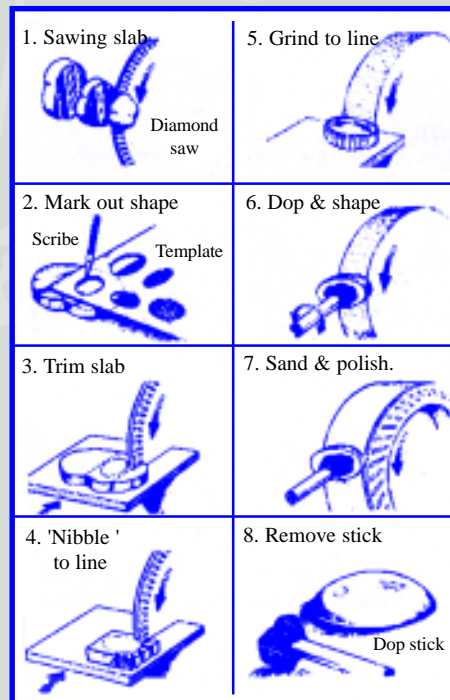
Dopping your chosen stone with warm wax onto a wooden stick in preparation for profile grinding and shaping.

Step FOUR

Successive grinding, smoothing and pre-polishing to a calibrated size for use in standard pendant, brooch or ring findings (components).

Step FIVE

Final polish, dop-stick removal and edge bevelling.



Students will be provided with the necessary protective wear and will be shown the importance of clean practice. All materials (gemstone, dop, abrasives and polish) are provided and included in the course fee of £75.00 incl VAT