

5. "Little Gem" Gourd

Sunday 9/17/17 9 am to 1 pm

Cost: \$45 Maximum: 15 Students

This is the gourd I sell the most at festivals. They are small and unique and allow you to add embellishments that give the gourd character. It also challenges you to get creative in the ways you add the patterns to the gourd. I find this gourd both fun and engaging to make. It looks great anywhere in the home from the bathroom to the kitchen, or on a hallway table. It is a little surprise to enchant your guests.

The class begins with learning a few patterns from my book and others I enjoy using. I will show several different ways to create a design that flows around the gourd with depth and interest. After your design is wood burned, we will add a dye technique that will add texture to the surface before you add more dye or paint. I will also show you how I use markers to enhance the color.

As you finish, I will share embellishments, beads, feathers, and the things you can add to the top. You can bring your own and challenge me with ways you might use them on your gourd. No two gourds will look alike, so be ready to be amazed at the variety of results. You can't fail with this one!

Materials provided:

1. Shards for practice (You may bring a few shards if you like,)and a small gourd for you to use
2. Examples of my work for ideas
3. Embellishments
4. Metallic markers and paints for you to try
5. Helpful tools

You bring:

1. Drawing paper and supplies you use for doodling
2. Wood burner with outlining tip (optional)
3. Dyes, paints, markers, and their accessories you like to use.
4. Gloves and an apron.

You can do this entire project with just markers. Please let me know if this is preferable. I can have supplies available to you. bettielake@gmail.com



