

## Sculpting Animals from Wool with Mikaela Bartlett

### Need to know information before you get here!

#### What will you be doing on the course?

Over the course of four days you will create a mammal from wool with the help of Mikaela Bartlett. She will be on hand to guide and advise you every step of the way.

#### Things to consider

Mikaela's own pieces are medium in size. The animal's body lengths tend to be about 20-23cm from the head to the start of tail (i.e. not including the tail).

You should aim to keep your piece around that size for the 4-days. By doing that, you should be able to practise every aspect of the sculpting you are shown by Mikaela.

#### How to prepare?

It is a good idea to come with a firm idea of what animal you would like to make before the course.

By bringing good reference photos of your chosen species the better your sculpture will be. *Please read the reference selecting guide I provide to my clay animal students for tips on this!*

Another great way to get to know your subjects better is by sketching them - even if you think you cannot draw! By drawing your furry muses it helps your brain interpret what you are actually seeing. It's so easy to make assumptions on what the animals look like. By truly knowing them it will help you to capture their character and personalities better.

If you want to mount your animal on a base then do bring something with you - a nice bit of wood perhaps! We can cut through most thinnish metals, but drilling through stone/ceramic is much harder.

#### I think that's it....

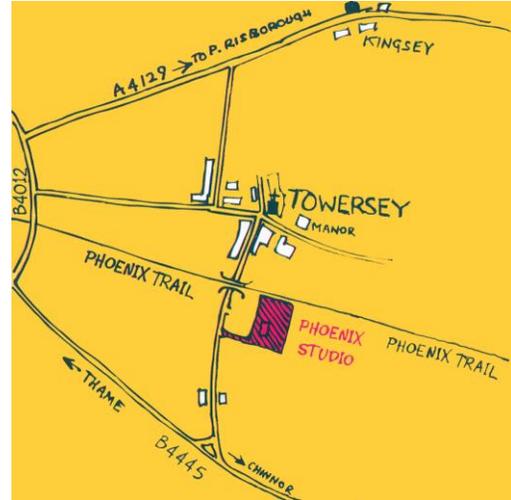
I am sure that everyone who comes on the course will have a lot of fun and meet some lovely, like-minded people. We pride ourselves in having a wonderfully creative environment!

### General Course Information

#### Getting Here

Directions to the studio are on the website. The postcode to the studio is OX9 3QZ and a map is below.

If you are coming from the village hall in the centre of Towersey, go past the pub, under the bridge and look out for the sign on the left side of the road.



#### Timings

Each day starts at 10.00. **Please arrive in good time in order not to miss the introduction.** We work through to 16.30 and generally with an hour's lunch break with a tea/coffee break in the morning and afternoon.

#### What Else To Bring?

- Ideas, inspiration and enthusiasm.
- A laptop or tablet device may be useful for saving your reference material onto (that or printing it).
- Your own packed lunch. We have microwaves and a toaster in case you need them.
- An apron or old clothes to work in.
- Any of your own tools that you think may be useful.

#### What we provide

- Use of necessary equipment, tools and materials.
- Guidance and tuition throughout the day.
- WiFi should you need it, though we recommend you try to log off from the outside world as much as you can when you're here!

Please do get in touch if you do have any further queries. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Best wishes,

*James (and Mikaela)*

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