

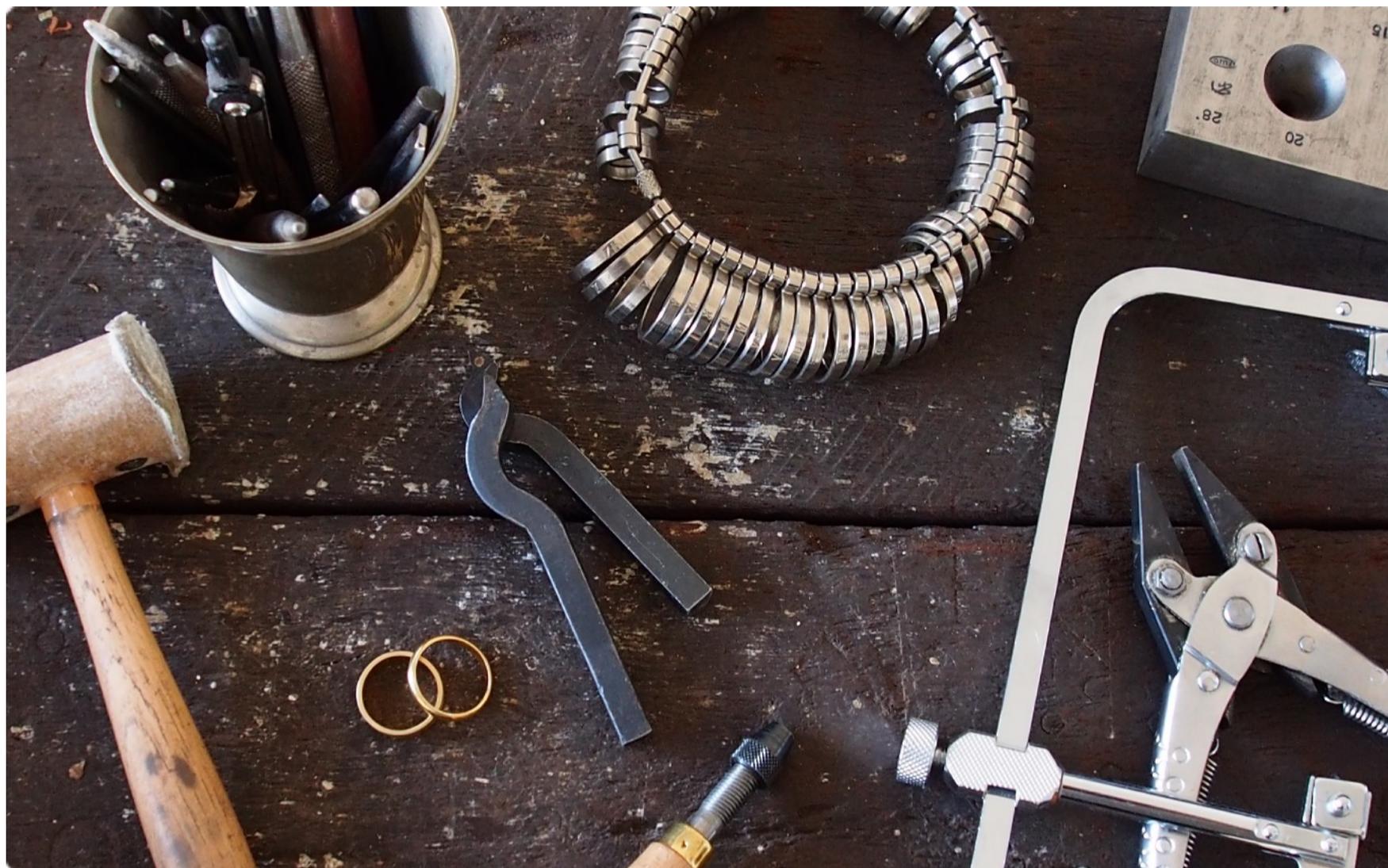
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Thank you for your interest in making your own wedding or commitment rings with me. The information provided will give you more detail about the process and what is involved. If you have any other questions after reading, please don't hesitate to email me.

Who is the jeweller?

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Me, Sylvia Nevistic, I studied Jewellery and Goldsmithing at the Northern Melbourne Institute of Tafe, Melbourne in 1997-1998. I worked within the industry including working for studio jewellers and at a casting company in Melbourne before venturing out on my own. I moved to Adelaide in 2014 into a studio at the JamFactory Centre for Contemporary Craft to concentrate on my practice full time including teaching adult education classes and Lecturing at the University of South Australia. At the end of 2020 I moved to Ballarat and set up my own private studio where I create work for commissions and exhibitions and conduct jewellery making workshops and classes.

What is the cost of making our own wedding or commitment rings?

The experience costs \$600 (weekday) or \$750 (Saturday) per couple or \$400 (weekday) or \$550 (Saturday) per individual for the private instruction and exclusive use of the workshop, the **metal price is an additional charge.*

On average men and women have different sized hands, so you will expect that a woman's ring will be smaller and weigh less than one for a man. This is not always the case as there is no such thing as average, but the following example will give you a gauge on costing the metal for your rings.

An average size ring for a woman in 18ct yellow gold would cost approx \$1,000. An average size ring for a man, same design in 18ct yellow gold would cost approx \$1,400. Both rings in 18ct yellow gold metal \$2,400 + private tuition \$600 will give you a total of \$3,000.

Using the same weight and type of metal as above two women's rings would cost a total of \$2,000 or two men's rings would cost a total of \$2,800, don't forget to add the cost of the experience as well.

The actual metal price will be calculated once the design, size and weight are agreed upon, the above is simply an example to give you an idea.

What metal can we make our rings in?

You can make your rings in 9ct and 18ct yellow, rose and white golds.

We have some old gold jewellery, can we melt that down to make our rings?

The short answer is no, but we may be able to do so, and will need to discuss this when we meet.

When can we start?

After you have contacted me to confirm you are interested in making your own wedding or commitment rings, we will arrange an appointment time (1 hour consultation) to discuss the details and get to know each other (either in person or via video chat), I will then provide you with a quote. When the quote is confirmed I will send you an invoice for a 50% non-refundable deposit, once received, I will book you in. The balance will then need to be paid the day prior to you attending the workshop. You may also pay the full amount once the quote is confirmed.

What days are available to do the workshop?

Tuesday to Friday during business hours and Saturdays. I undertake other jewellery classes and workshops in my studio, so please ensure you have plenty of time in case I can't fit you in on your preferred date. A good idea would be to allow 4-6 weeks before your wedding.

How long will the process take?

Typically it will take between 5-6 hours depending on the design. We will stop for a light lunch halfway through. Tea, coffee and sparkling water will be available all day as well as light snacks. Let me know of any dietary requirements beforehand, so I may accommodate.

How will the rings be made?

Fabrication method

We start with a piece of gold that you measure and cut, and then form, solder, clean up and polish ready for your big day. This method is suitable for simple bands in either round, half round or flat profiles.

Don't worry, we will have a little practice with silver first, to get you familiar with the process.

Do I need any experience to make my own ring?

No, it is suitable for the complete beginner or if you have some experience, that's great too.

Can gemstones be used?

No, gemstones cannot be used, as this workshop is designed for the complete beginner.

If you are interested in a wedding band with gemstones, I'd be happy to make one for you.

Where is your studio located and can we visit you?

The studio is located in the beautiful regional city of Ballarat, Victoria. My workshop is a private studio only open by appointment, so when you have been in contact with me and we have scheduled the first meeting I will supply you with the address.

If we can't make our own rings, can you make them for us?

Of course, I would be happy to meet up with you to discuss your rings or any other commission project such as bridal jewellery or earrings for your special day.



Now that you have more background information, I hope that I might meet you one day to help you create lasting memories and an object that symbolises your love for one another.