

**JE813**  
**“Back to Charm School” Bracelet**  
**Kay Rashka**  
**Aug 16, 2008 9am to 4pm**

General Cost estimate \$25 to \$45 (Supplies kit plus any additional materials). Note: If the silver commodities spot price changes substantially the kit cost will be adjusted. Please bring a check with you to class.

**1) Supplies (purchase from instructor):**

**a-Basic Supplies Kit (\$20):** Includes 8” sterling silver chain, 3-4 river stones and/or agates, 26 gauge sterling silver sheet (3”x1”).

**b-PMC3 (5grams @ \$7).** Students are not required to incorporate PMC3 charms.

**c-Students** will have to purchase additional supplies such as wire to make jump rings and charm connections from instructor.

**2) Student supplied materials:** Glass beads, Beach glass, Lamp worked glass beads, furnace glass, old charms, semi-precious stones, turquoise, coral, amber, small found objects, river stones or agates (≤ 3mm thick) of the size of a nickel/dime, old coins or tokens. Lake Superior tumbled stones (blacking grey in color) can be drilled fairly easily.

-Hole size: Keep in mind that we will need to connect these tokens to the bracelet. Beads and stones should be able to accept at least 20 gauge wire (0.032” or 0.8mm).

-Instructor will provide 3-4 river stones/agates in kit but students will need to bring more if interested in using them in a design. Possible sources of stones: Go beach combing or to rock shops!

-Clasps: If students have a favorite clasp style (lobster, box or toggle) they are encouraged to bring them. A limited selection of clasps will be available for purchase from instructor.

**3) Bracelet design:**

**Chain:** Bracelets chains will utilize a manufactured large link sterling silver chain (exception that 3 day students may forge and solder their own linked sterling silver chain).

Students can purchase 1 of 2 styles of large-linked chains (approx 8 inch length) from instructor. The sterling silver chain patterns can be seen online at [www.riogrande.com](http://www.riogrande.com) as items #694-570/B and #698-692/B. **Students are asked to contact instructor in advance to confirm their style choice.** Note-Students can also bring their own supply of a similar sized chain.

**Components:** The components chosen for the final design are fully up to the discretion of the student. Demonstrations will include the following techniques and students will decide what components they will utilize in final design:

- a) Textured, flat charms prepared from Precious Metal clay (**PMC3**). Students will be able to purchase 5 grams of **PMC3** for this project or they may bring their own. Please contact instructor to confirm if you are interested in purchasing PMC3 from her.
- b) River Stone (or Agate charms) will be prepared by drilling thin river stones (Lake Superior basalt) and using either jump rings or silver wire as fasteners.
- c) Fabricated charms and bead caps will be made out of flat sterling silver sheet and fastened with jump rings or silver wire.
- d) Bead charms: Beads can be incorporated from students own collections. We will combine beads with handmade silver bead caps and wire to make individual charms. For student's beads which have a thin hole we might be able to drill or ream the holes larger. A limited supply of turquoise and coral beads will be available for purchase from instructor.
- e) Forged wire charms such as spirals and twists will be prepared out of thicker gauge wire.
- f) Clasps: Students have the option of using a manufactured clasp or to hand forge a shepherd's hook style clasp.
- g) Jump rings: Students will learn how to make jump rings from round wire.

**For "3 day class" students interested in making their own links:** Sterling silver wire required to make links will depend on students design. Students will need to supply their own wire for this part of the project. Recommended gauges are 18 or 16 gauge wire (will give thicker links). Please bring 0.5-1.0 oz of wire for this part of the project.

Recommended supplies vendors:

Rio Grande ([www.riogrande.com](http://www.riogrande.com)) 1-800-545-6566