

Illumination Masterclass

Dates	Sunday 10 October 2021
Times	10.00–17.00
Location	Harry M Weinrebe Learning Centre
Level	Beginners and those with some previous experience
Class size	Maximum 16 participants

Course description

Illuminated manuscripts are among the most dazzling and intriguing objects ever created, and the British Library's collection is one of the finest in the world. Join renowned scribe and illuminator Patricia Lovett MBE on our one-day masterclass, and create your own medieval miniature on vellum – inspired by the Library's breathtaking collections.

The most luxurious manuscripts were lit up by decorations and pictures in brightly-coloured pigments and burnished gold leaf. Under Patricia's expert guidance you'll choose your own miniature animal from a medieval bestiary, and learn the skills and techniques to bring it to life with colour and gold.

You'll develop your design on prepared vellum (calfskin), apply gold leaf, and add colour in the medieval painting style. Through the course of the day you'll learn how medieval scribes created their illuminations, and go home with your own spectacular example.

Tutor

Patricia Lovett MBE is a world-renowned scribe and illuminator who received a National Honour for calligraphy and heritage crafts. She creates artworks on vellum, using gold, colour and quills. She has written extensively on calligraphy and illumination, including *The Art and History of Calligraphy*, published by the British Library. Patricia co-curated the *Calligraphy Today* (2012-13) exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum, and teaches at a range of institutions including Harvard University and the University of London.

Previous Skills, Knowledge or Experience

None required. This course is suitable for beginners or those with some artistic experience.

Equipment and Materials

All materials and equipment will be provided.

Facilities and Refreshments

Please note that the Learning Centre will open to participants 15 minutes before the stated start time. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival. Participants should make their own arrangements for lunch.

Accessibility

Please email adultlearning@bl.uk to discuss your access needs and we will do our best to meet them.
