



The Eclectic Chic Boutique

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Accessible Arts Program for DDD Clients



Unleash your creativity and have fun at The Eclectic Chic Boutique! We create engaging workshops led by local artists and small businesses, fostering a positive and inclusive environment for adults of all abilities. Our programs promote collaboration and cater to individual interests – we'll incorporate your passions into the projects whenever possible. All materials are provided, and our supportive facilitators will help you learn new skills, build confidence, and boost self-esteem in a fun, low-pressure setting. Don't see your dream class on the schedule? No worries! We'll connect you with a perfect instructor to make it happen.

Classes are typically 1.5 hours long, scheduled based on instructor and participant availability.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

Our classes are taught by local artists and professionals from the local area. Clients have the option to take classes either at our boutique or online over Zoom. Please note that these options are based on the availability of the teacher.

Boutique

Our Boutique has a classroom space where clients will meet with the teacher and work together on-to-one. Our classroom is colorful and is in full view of the boutique. We usually have soft ambient music playing to create a relaxing atmosphere. Occasionally we may have other classes happening simultaneously, but we try to space out our classes whenever possible. This is a great environment for those who want to take a class in a fun and social environment.

Online

Clients can request to work one-to-one with an instructor over Zoom. The instructor would be live and interact with the client throughout the session. One of our staff would also be on the call with their camera and microphone off to help monitor the session and make sure everyone stays connected and there are no technical issues.

NOTE: For Virtual Classes there is an additional \$12 fee per session to cover packaging/shipping costs and staffing of session.

PROGRAMS



Lego Arts

Build your artistic skills in our exciting program designed for adult fans of LEGO. Each week, you'll explore new techniques to create amazing LEGO masterpieces. Our facilitator will guide you through building different shapes, figures, and even explore various themes and design concepts. Our supportive facilitators will work alongside you, offering assistance and encouragement at every step.

Important: At the end of each session, all the Lego bricks used in the class will be returned to the facilitator. We understand it may be emotionally challenging for some to disassemble their Lego creations, but each participant will be given photos of their creation at the end of each session. Legos are meant to be taken apart and turned into new fun creations over and over.

Price: \$65 per session



Soap Making & Skin Care

Craft your own spa experience! Immerse yourself in a world of delightful scents, vibrant colors, and soothing textures. Each session offers a fun, sensory journey as you explore the science behind popular projects like melt & pour soaps, body butters, sugar scrubs, bath bombs, and more!

Our expert facilitator will guide you through the creation process, teaching you about the ingredients and their benefits for your skin. You'll experiment with different techniques, personalize your creations with custom scents and colors, and even decorate your own packaging! Participants will take home their projects at the end of their session.

Important: Some of the processes include using a microwave, hotplate, working with hot liquids, or using a knife or scissors. Be sure the participant is comfortable with these before requesting this program. If a participant has any skin sensitivities or allergies we will adapt projects accordingly.

Price: \$85 per session



Candle Making & Fragrances

Become a fragrance alchemist and craft your own beautiful, scented candles. Each session is a sensory adventure where you'll explore the world of fragrance-based products. Learn the art of crafting candles, wax melts, tea lights, body sprays, room sprays, and more!

Our expert facilitator will guide you through the science behind the process, explaining how the ingredients together. You'll experiment with different techniques, personalize your creations

with custom fragrances and colors, and even design your own packaging to take home after each session!

Important: Some of the processes include using a microwave, hotplate, working with hot liquids, or using a knife or scissors. Be sure the participant is comfortable with these before requesting this program. If a participant has any sensitivities or allergies we will adapt projects accordingly.

Price: \$85 per session



Crocheting

Unwind and create in our Learn to Crochet program! This program is a fun and rewarding way to explore your creativity and build new skills. In each session, you'll learn the fundamentals of crocheting, starting with yarn handling and mastering basic stitches, including slip stitch, single crochet, double crochet, and triple crochet.

As your confidence grows, our supportive facilitator will guide you through reading patterns and tackling exciting projects that reflect your unique style, such as hats, scarves, mittens and

more.

Price: \$85 per session



Knitting

Master the art of cozy creation in our Learn to Knit program! This program empowers you to explore your creativity and build new skills in a supportive environment.

Each session takes you on a journey through the fundamentals of knitting. You'll learn comfortable needle handling and master essential stitches, building a strong foundation for future projects. Our encouraging facilitator will be there every step of the way, helping you gain confidence and unlock your inner knitter.

As your skills blossom, so will your projects! We'll guide you through reading patterns, allowing you to create unique knitted pieces that reflect your personal style. Imagine cozy scarves, stylish hats, or even heartwarming gifts – the possibilities are endless!

Price: \$85 per session



Round Loom Knitting

Experience the simplicity and delight of round loom knitting. Our senior program offers a gentle introduction to this accessible craft, allowing seniors to create beautiful scarves, hats, and more without the need for traditional knitting needles. Our experienced instructor will provide step-by-step guidance in a relaxed and social setting, fostering fine motor skills, boosting self-esteem, and connecting you with fellow crafters.

Price: \$85 per session



Finger Knitting

Discover the calming and creative world of finger knitting. This senior program offers a simple and meditative approach to crafting, using only their fingers and chunky yarn to create beautiful blankets, scarves, and hats. Our experienced instructor will provide step-by-step guidance in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere, fostering hand-eye coordination, boosting self-esteem, and connecting you with fellow crafters.

Price: \$85 per session



Hand Sewing & Fabric Art

Stitch your way to creativity and confidence! This program allows you to explore the world of sewing at your own pace. You'll learn the fundamentals of hand-stitching with needle and thread.

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, you'll learn how to work with different fabrics, use sewing and non sewing techniques to achieve different affects, and upcycle materials into new fun art.

As your skills progress, you'll collaborate with our supportive facilitator to brainstorm project ideas that reflect your unique style. From crafting stylish accessories to décor and more! The possibilities are endless!

Price: \$85 per session



Sewing Machine Basics

Learn how handle a sewing machine with confidence! This program allows you to explore the world of sewing at your own pace, while learning safety and fundamentals of the sewing machine.

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, we've got you covered. You'll learn how to set up the machine, how to clean an maintain it, and how to do all kinds of stiches, and how to troubleshoot common mistakes,

As your skills progress, you'll collaborate with our supportive facilitator to brainstorm project ideas that reflect your unique style. From crafting stylish accessories to décor and more! The possibilities are endless!

Price: \$125 per session



Garment Sewing

Have you always wanted to make your own clothes? In this sewing machine program you will learn all the fundamentals of clothing making – from reading a pattern and sizing, to cutting fabric, to proper assembly and technique.

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, we've got you covered. Our first sessions focus on the basics, teaching you safe sewing practices and essential stitching techniques.

As your skills progress, you'll collaborate with our supportive facilitator to brainstorm project ideas that reflect your unique style. From fun shirts and blouses to skirts and bottoms, the possibilities are endless.

Price: \$150 per session



Painting With & Without a Brush

Experience the therapeutic power of painting, regardless of skill level. Our program offers a fun and accessible approach to painting, using unconventional tools like sponges and bubble wrap, as well as techniques like paint pouring and spin painting. Our experienced instructor will guide you through each session, fostering a joyful and social atmosphere where you can express yourself and enjoy the calming benefits of art.

Price: \$85 per session



Jewelry Making

This program allows you to explore a variety of exciting jewelry making techniques and craft stunning pieces you'll love to wear or share. Our expert instructors will then guide you through the fundamentals, ensuring you have a strong foundation to build upon. Once you've mastered the basics, we'll collaborate with you to design one-of-a-kind pieces that reflect your personality. Think dazzling necklaces, eye-catching bracelets, or statement earrings – the possibilities are endless!

Choose Jewelry Making Style:

- **Beaded Jewelry Making** – Jewelry made with colorful beads. Some of the projects participants can make are necklaces, bracelets, earrings, eyeglass chains, and keychains.
- **Kumihimo** – A Japanese style of braided jewelry making using colorful cords and a template. Some of the projects participants can make are bracelets, keychains, necklaces, or eye glass chains.
- **Upcycled Jewelry** – Jewelry made by repurposing materials like broken jewelry, fabric, leather, cords, and more. Some of the projects participants can do are necklaces, bracelets, earrings, keychains and more.

Price: \$75 per session



Origami

Unfold a world of creativity! This program allows you to explore the fascinating art of origami paper folding, transforming simple squares into amazing creations.

Become a Paper-Folding Master! Each session will guide you through the secrets of origami diagrams, helping you master folding techniques and unlock the magic hidden within each sheet of paper. Our supportive facilitators will be by your side every step of the way, ensuring you build confidence and a strong

foundation in this ancient art form.

As your skills blossom, so will your projects! Imagine crafting majestic animal figures, delicate flowers, mesmerizing mobiles, stunning 3D sculptures, or even unique origami jewelry – the possibilities are endless!

Price: \$65 per session



Digital Arts

This program equips you with the skills to transform your creative vision into stunning digital art.

Learn how to use Clip Studio Paint, powerful software for creating digital masterpieces. Learn to navigate the interface, master essential tools like brushes and pens, and discover how to achieve captivating effects. Our patient instructors will be there every step of the way, ensuring you build a strong foundation in this exciting artistic medium.

Once comfortable with the software, we'll collaborate to identify your artistic passions. Whether you dream of crafting fantastical characters, drawing majestic animals, or capturing breathtaking landscapes, the possibilities are endless!

We recommend bringing in your own laptop to use in the class or you can request to use our in-studio laptop.

Price: \$75 per session



Cricut Basics

Get creative by learning how to use a Cricut machine. Cricut is a versatile cutting machine that can cut a variety of materials including vinyl, sticker paper, cardstock, faux leather, and more.

Your instructor will teach you how to set up Design Space on your computer, how to navigate Design Space, use Shapes and Fonts, and how to cut and apply your design. In each session you'll learn how to assemble different kinds of custom and personalized projects.

We recommend bringing in your own laptop to use in the class or you can request to use our in-studio laptop.

Price: \$100 per session



Puppetry

Bring your imagination to life! Explore the magical world of puppetry and learn how to create and perform your own unique stories. You'll embark on imaginative journeys inspired by a chosen theme, exploring characters, creatures, and their environments. Dive into a variety of techniques like paper crafting, mask-making, improvisation, and building using hand puppets, shadow puppets, and more.

Develop your storytelling skills through interactive classes that incorporate movement, music, dramatics, and voice exploration. Strengthen fine and gross motor skills by crafting puppets and practicing techniques like mouth control, turn-taking, and synchronized movement. Hone your observation skills by finding shapes in the objects we create, translating them both physically and artistically.

Price: \$75 per session



Flower Arranging & Floral Crafts

Discover the joy of crafting beautiful and floral creations in this nature inspired program! This welcoming and supportive class is designed for adults of all abilities to explore their artistic side and learn new skills in a relaxed and encouraging environment.

Using a variety of seasonal flowers, you'll learn step-by-step techniques to create stunning arrangements and boutiques. Our friendly instructors will guide you through the process of cutting, shaping, and assembling petals to design your own unique

blooms.

In addition to flower arranging, we'll explore other fun and accessible floral crafts, such as flower boxes, dried flower arrangements, centerpieces, pressed flowers, and more.

Price: \$130 per session



Cookie & Cake Decorating

Explore your creativity and culinary skills through the art of cookie and cake decorating. Participants will learn various techniques, from basic icing and piping to intricate designs and decorating techniques. Participants can choose to decorate items like cookies, cupcakes, cakes, and more. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, individuals will develop fine motor skills, enhance their artistic expression, and build self-confidence while enjoying a fun and social experience.

Important: Some of the processes include using a microwave, hotplate, working with hot liquids, or using a knife or scissors. Be sure the participant is comfortable with these before requesting this program. If a participant has any food sensitivities or allergies we will adapt projects accordingly.

Price: \$100 per session



Chocolate Making

Discover the art of chocolate making. Participants will learn various techniques, from melting chocolate to using molding to decorating. Participants can learn to make chocolates using fun seasonal molds and flavors, and how to package them to keep or give as gifts. Through hands-on experience and guidance from experienced instructors, individuals will develop fine motor skills, enhance their culinary expertise, and boost their self-esteem while enjoying a delicious and rewarding experience.

Important: Some of the processes include using a microwave, hotplate, working with hot liquids, or using a knife or scissors. Be sure the participant is comfortable with these before requesting this program. If a participant has any food sensitivities or allergies we will adapt projects accordingly.

Price: \$100 per session



Pipe Cleaner Crafts

Get creative with Pipe Cleaners. Explore a variety of techniques to craft whimsical animals, vibrant flowers, and imaginative abstract designs. This class is designed to be inclusive and adaptable to all skill levels and abilities, providing a supportive and encouraging environment for artistic expression. Your instructor will guide you through thinking in 3 dimensions and utilize fine motor skills to create beautiful pipe cleaner sculptures.

Price: \$65 per session



Journaling for Self Care

Discover the power of journaling as a tool for self-care and personal growth. This program provides a safe and supportive space for individuals to explore their thoughts, feelings, and experiences through creative writing. Through guided prompts and reflective exercises, participants will learn to cultivate mindfulness, reduce stress, build self-awareness, and develop a deeper understanding of themselves. Whether you're a seasoned writer or have never picked up a pen, this class offers a gentle and accessible approach to

journaling that can enhance your well-being and foster a deeper connection to yourself.

Price: \$45 per session



Clay Crafts

Discover the tactile joy of clay in our clay crafts program. Guided by an experienced instructor, seniors will learn fundamental hand-building techniques to craft unique and expressive pieces, from functional pottery to sculptural art. This program offers a relaxing and social environment to explore their artistic side, improve their fine motor skills, and connect with fellow creators while transforming simple clay into beautiful, personalized works of art.

Price: \$75 per session



Mosaic Arts

This beginner-friendly Mosaic program provides a supportive and accessible environment for participants to explore the fascinating world of mosaics. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, participants will learn fundamental mosaic techniques, including designing, adhesive application, and grout mixing. Using a variety of materials, including colorful glass, ceramic, found objects, and even beads, students will create beautiful and unique mosaic pieces, fostering creativity, self-expression, and a sense of accomplishment.

Price: \$95 per session



Art Adventures

Embark on a creative journey with 'Art Adventures'. Instead of choosing one specific kind of craft, the participant can select different crafts to try each session. Each session introduces a new and exciting art form, from vibrant painting and expressive drawing to the tactile magic of sculpting and the calming rhythm of textile arts. This program fosters self-expression, builds confidence, and provides a supportive environment for artistic exploration and personal growth.

Price: \$85 per session

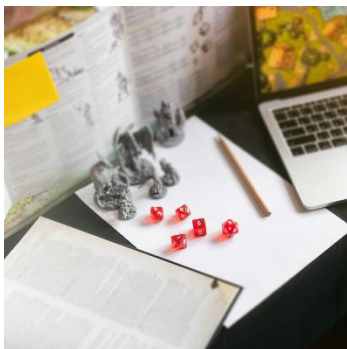


Card Games for Fun

Dive into the exciting world of collectible card games! Learn the fundamentals of popular games like Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh!, or Magic: The Gathering. Our experienced instructor will guide you through deck building, game mechanics, and strategic gameplay in a supportive and inclusive environment. This series is perfect for beginners and those looking to expand their knowledge and connect with fellow card game enthusiasts. No prior experience is necessary, just a passion for fun and friendly competition!

Important: At the end of each session, all the cards used in the class will be returned to the facilitator.

Price: \$70 per session



Become a Game Master

Ignite your imagination and become a master storyteller with our engaging Game Master (GM) sessions! Learn the art of crafting captivating narratives, developing compelling characters, and facilitating immersive role-playing experiences for your own tabletop gaming adventures. This series provides a supportive and inclusive environment for aspiring GMs to hone their skills, build confidence, and discover the joy of sharing their unique creative vision with others. No prior experience is necessary, just a passion for

storytelling and a desire to bring imaginative worlds to life!

Price: \$70 per session

About The Eclectic Chic Boutique

The Eclectic Chic Boutique is LGBTQ & Neurodivergent owned gift shop nestled in the heart of downtown Montclair, NJ. This vibrant space serves as a collective for local artists and small businesses, showcasing a curated selection of unique and handcrafted treasures. Founded in 2018 by Kristen Zachares, the boutique offers a one-stop destination for creative gifts while also hosting engaging arts and crafts classes. Kristen's vision is to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone feels inspired and empowered to explore their creativity, fostering a genuine appreciation for the work of local artisans.

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