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Vintage Inspiration

*VELVET visits the wonderful world of THE
BEAD BOUTIQUE just in time for Christmas*

As shelves up and down the county suddenly become full of Christmas ideas or those dreaded stocking fillers, we all start to wonder what on earth we're going to buy for our nearest and dearest this year.

With so many pre-packaged gifts on offer, it's no wonder we all dread the mad Christmas rush.

Every year we try desperately to justify spending so much on so little, when in reality there are so many other options available. If only we looked a little bit harder...

The Bead Boutique in Long Melford offers exactly that - Christmas with a difference. Reviving the long-lost skill of craftsmanship, this vintage-inspired boutique allows you to create a personalised gift, selecting each individual bead, button and pendant as you wish.

Visiting the store's owner, Jessica Clarke early last month, I couldn't help but get in the festive spirit as she showed me the numerous styles and designs that she had conjured up over the last few weeks - and that was just the beginning.

"There's so many things you can make," she explained. "From a charm bracelet to a necklace, and even personalised gift tags, the choice really is yours."

Looking over the ever-expanding pots of semiprecious stones, flat-edged pendants and colourful beads scattered throughout the store, that little bit of excitement returned.

Jessica's own creations littered the store, giving a helpful dose of inspiration to those looking to create their own, amongst other works she had created in sterling silver.

Keen to teach all how to make their own jewellery, Jessica's classes cater for everyone, starting with completely new beaders and going through to those wanting to crochet with wire or create art clay silver designs.

Offering a completely different shopping experience for this year's festivities at just £25 a class, The Bead Boutique may be the answer we've all been looking for.

Whether it's a piece of jewellery you wish to make, a pair of cufflinks for your other half or even a wine glass charm to decorate your table on Christmas Day, Jessica's range of colours and designs cater for all.

You can even make it a real social gathering by booking a private party in this stylish store just for you and your friends. Classes for a minimum of four people start at £25 per person, with all materials and refreshments included.

And the best bit is, you can enjoy 20% off all jewellery in the store on the day of your lesson!

Now catering for children's parties, Jessica looks forward to welcoming a new influx of young families looking to entertain their children in a new way. Taking a minimum of six children for £15 per person, The Bead Boutique will entertain all, leaving them with their own bracelet, necklace and bag charm to be proud of.

Whether or not you're the artistic type, The Bead Boutique has the answer for you. With Jessica's own sterling silver designs proudly displayed throughout the store, find the perfect gift for your partner, family member or even best friend.

Each patented with Jessica's own hallmark, you can rest safe in the knowledge that your gift is bespoke, individually handmade by the boutique's talented owner.

As The Bead Boutique is set to be such a hive of activity throughout the whole festive season, why not enjoy an afternoon there with your family creating personalised jewellery in the New Year? Give a gift voucher this Christmas promising to spend one afternoon with your family - we all know our parents would love it!

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